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AUCTIONS

NEW FOREST, HAMPSHIRE NEW FORES;
The compact, small Residential and A
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"BEECHEN HOUSE AND
ANGELS FARM,"
LYNDHURST
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Comprising gentleman's residence of character dating from the reign of Charles II. Entrance hall with unusual divided staircase, 3 reception, garden room, loggia, 6 bed and dressing rooms, 2 bathrooms, self-contained offices. Main services, Part central heating, Double garage. Stabling, Brick-built farmhouse, Cottage, Farm buildings and excellent pastures extending to about 64 acres, with forest rights, Vacant possession. Which

Double garage. Suspending and extraplent pastures extending to about 64 acres, lent pastures extending to about 64 acres, with forest rights. Vacant possession, Which HEWITT & CO., F.A.I., will sell by auction at The Grand Hotel, Lyndhurst, on Wednesday, October 8, 1952. Solicitors: Messrs, Moore & Blatter, 48, High Street, Lymington (Tel. 671). Auctioners' Offices: 66/67. High Street, Lymington (Tel. 26), and at New Milton (Tel. 43). BROCKENHURST (NEW FOREST) COD RECTORY"

Completely modernised. In 5 acres of woodlands and lovely garden. 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms (basins), tiled bathroom, kitchen with Aga. Cottage annexe, stabling, garages, etc. Auction particulars: HEBBECKS

Square, Bournemouth.

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Auction, October 24,
"WHEELER'S COTTAGE,"
Nr. FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS
An angler's retreat. Delightful studiocottage in quiet village. 3 reception rooms,
4 bedrooms, etc. Stabling and loft. Double
garage. Harness room. Main electricity and
water. Photos and keys.

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ESTATES, FARMS AND SMALLHOLDINGS FOR SALE

FOR SALE

ARGYLLSHIRE. Conaglen Estate. For sale, privately, with immediate occupation, this sporting and agricultural estate lying between Loch Linnhe and Loch Shiel, with mansion house facing south, overlooking Loch Linnhe, in good order, containing Loch Linnhe, entry Loch Linnhe, in good order, containing Lock Linnhe, etc. electric light, central heating, garage, offices, garden, greenhouses, boathouse, etc. Also Craigag Lodge, near Loch Shiel, containing 2 public rooms, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, etc. centrally heated. The estate includes 3 deer forests, keepers' cottages recently renovated, salmon fishing in the Cona and other streams and on Loch Shiel, a small grouse moor, also excellent grazing ground for sheep and cattle and considerable ripe timber. Assessed rental of estate in hand, £303; let subjects, £33/10.5.

—For further particulars apply: D. & J. H. CAMPBELL, W.S., 31, Moray Place, Edinburgh.

EAST KENT. £3,500. A freehold Grass Farm in country lane, with main-road frontage, 4 miles from Canterbury, comprising 2 cottages easily converted into 4-bedroomed house, buildings, approx. 18 aeres, with water laid on. Full particulars on application,—Apply: Treuscott & Coller, Canterbury (4924/5).

HANTS. Residential Holding in a lovely old hamlet, 7 miles from Andover.

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HANTS. Residential Holding in a lovely old hamlet, 7 miles from Andover. Georgian residence, 3 reception, 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, main electricity. Garages and outbuildings, 2 cottages and about 23 acres. For sale freehold. Vacant possession.—betails of F. ELEEN & SON, London Street, Andover. Tel. 2417.

RELAND. CO. WICKLOW.

RELAND, CO. WICKLOW. Residential

RELAND, CO. WICKLOW. Residential Farm, of 145 acres. First-class newly built residence, extensive out-offices. Price 10,000 guineas.—DANIEL F. STEPHENSON, M.I.A.A. Estate Agent, 22-23, Duke Street, Dublin, N. CORNWALL. Sale of high-class free-hold Residential and Sporting Property known as "Trewalder House," in the parish of Lantaglos, 3 miles from Camelford, being a gentleman's country residence of character containing 3 reception rooms. 6 be frooms. Aga cooker. Main water. Capital block of outbuildings, stables, garages, shippens, together with 28 acres very fertile pasture land. Centre of North Cornwall Hunt. Fishing and Shooting available nearby, Sailing and St. Enedoc Golf Course within 10 miles.—Particulars: KIVELL AND SOSS, Holsworthy.

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NEAR ST. ALBANS. Nursery for sale,
1½ acres, † acre heated glass, fully
toked. Owners retiring.—Box 6239.

SOMERSET AND DORSET BORD-ERS. Attractive freehold Residential Holding situated in village. 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, usual offices. Main electricity, company's water. Well arranged set of buildings. 31 aeres productive orchard. Vacant possession. Price 23,850.— Particulars: Cooper & Tanner Ltd., Castle Cary. Somerset.

Cary, Somerset.

WEST COUNTRY. A fine and attractive
Estate for sale. Over 2,000 acres.
Possession of residence, grounds and part
acreage. Excellent home and investment
combined. Extensive valuable timber included.—Box 6229. Possession of acreage. Ex combined. I cluded.—Box

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WEST SUSSEX. T.T. attested Dairy
Farm for sale. 13 miles Haywards
Heath, 11 miles Horsham. With vacant
possession. Excellent modern buildings,
milking parlour and standings for over 40.
187 acres. 4 modern cottages. Period farmhouse, recently modernised at great expense,
part brick and weathertiled, Horsham stone
roof, 7 bed., 3 rec, and nursery, 2 bath.—
Apply: R. H. & R. W. CLUTTOX, Chartered
Surveyors, Old Stone House, East Grinstead,
Sussex.

FOR SALE

BERKSHIRE. In beautiful Thames-side village, 3 miles from Abingdon. Charming genuine Tudor Residence, half-timbered and tiled, 3 rec., 4-5 bed, cloaks, kitchen, 2 bath. Double garage. Main electricity, gas and tiled, 3 rec., 4-5 bed., cloaks, kitchen, 2 dash. Double garage. Main electricity, gas and water. Modern drainage. 1½ acres, including excellent orchard.—Strongly recommended by the Agents, BUCKELL & BALLARD, 16, Cornmarket Street, Oxford. Tel. 4151 (3 lines).

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CAMBERLEY, SURREY. Two attractive, self-contained 7-roomed Luxury Fatts for sale freehold, separate front extrances, quiet gardens, garages, £3,950 each, or consider long leases £275 p.a.—Write, Box 6241.

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CRAIG-Y-MOR, St. David's, Pembroke-shire. A most charming detached free-hold Bungalow Residence situated anidst magnificent scenery on the Pembrokeshire coast. The accommodation is ideally planned for easy running and comprises:—Spacious entrance hall.
Verandah with plate-glass windows, 4s ft. 6 ins. by 8 ft. 8 ins.
Dining room, 20 ft. 6 ins. by 15 ft. 6 ins.
Lounge, 24 ft. by 12 ft.
Bedroom 1, 17 ft. by 12 ft.
Bedroom 2, 13 ft. 6 ins. by 9 ft.
Bedroom 3, 10 ft. 6 ins. by 9 ft.
Bedroom, 9 ft. by 6 ft.
Lavatory 9 ft. by 3 ft.
Lavatory 9 ft. by 15 ft. 6 ins. with Triplex grate, ½ tiled walls.
Kitchen, 17 ft. by 15 ft. 6 ins. with Triplex grate, ½ tiled walls.
Store room, 10 ft. by 6 ft.
Commodious garage.
Attractive garden. Site area of approx.
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Attractive garden. Site area of approx. 4,250 sq. yds.
Rateable value £16.
Vacant Possession on completion.
CHARLES BUTTERS & SONS, Auctioneers and Valuers, Trinity Buildings, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, or to Messrs. Jones & WATTS, Auctioneers and Valuers, Trewelwell, Solva, Pembrokeshire.

DENHAM, BUCKS. Charming modern Country Cottage in open position only few minutes from station and buses. 3 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, quaint hall and 2 reception. Model kitchen. Main services. Brick garage. Pretty garden but simple to maintain. Quick sale wanted.—A. C. Frost And Co., Gertards Cross 2277/S.

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DEVON, SOUTH. Old Cottage in charming gdn. with stream, 3 miles from coast.

4 rooms, kit., bath., etc. Garage and barn.
Elect. and phone. £4,250.—Box €227.

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GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET. For sale. Luxuriously appointed and fascinating freehold Gentleman's Residence in heart of town and yet in secluded surroundings. Entrance hall, 5 lofty reception rooms, 6 bedrooms and dressing room, bathroom with shower, 2 maids' rooms, excellent domestic offices. Aga cooker. Bendix washing machine. Refrigerator. Ideal gas water heater. Spacious well kept lawns, rose garden, productive walled-in kitchen garden.—Further particulars, apply COOPER AND TANER LTD., Estate Agents, Glastonbury.

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GLOS. Price drastically reduced. Unsold at auction bargain. Attractive Cotswold Residential Property. 9 miles Kemble Junction. 3 reception, cleaks, modern kitchen, 5 beds, 2 bath. Flat. Garage, etc. Pretty gardens. Paddock. In all 22 acres. Main electricity. Central heating.—Details from Jackson-Stopes. Dollar Street House, Circucster. Tel. 334/5. (12,145)

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HANTS. Attractive Character Cottage, brick and tiled, convenient Alton. 4 bedrooms, 2 reception, kitchen, bathroom. Main services. Good garden. \$2,500, ollers considered.—PARNELL JORDY & HARVEY, Basingstoke, Tel. 36.

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HERTS, ESSEX BORDERS, 36 miles

London, 2½ miles main line station,
15th-century Cottage. 3 rec., 4 hed., modern
conveniences. Main services. Outbuildings,
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HOVE, SUSSEX. An attractive town
House standing in a delightful garden
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occasional lounge, cloakroom, excellent
kitchen. Central heating. Hot and cold
water in bedrooms. Garden room and large
garage. Excellent outbuildings. An economic
residence in splendid condition. Price \(\frac{2}{2}\), \(\frac{2}\), \(\frac{2}{2}\), \(\frac{2}{2}\), \(\frac{2}{2}\), \(\frac{

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HYTHE, KENT. High ground. Mod. det. Res. 3 rec. cloaks., 4 bed., dress., bath. All services. Pleasant gdn.—BURROWS, CLEMENTS, WINCH & SONS, Ashford (Tel. 327), Kent.

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KENT. Beautiful country position, 5 miles fence. 7 bed., 2 bath., 3 rec., offices, 4 staff bed. Main water and gas. Cen. heating. Own elec. 2 cottages. Ample buildings. Lovely gardens and grounds, 7 acres. Freehold. £6,000. Possn.—GEERING & COLVER, Ashford, Kent.

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Sole Agents, Evess & Co., East Grinstead. (Tel. 1288)

WICH HADHAM, HERTS. Character House, part Tudor, part Regency. 9 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, lounge, dining room, breakfast room, usual domestic offices, Stabling, Outbuildings. Walled-in garden extends to 1 acre. Price 26,500. Vacant possession.—EDWIN WATSON AND SON, 27, North Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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BANBURY STRATFORD-ON-AVON. 20-100-acre Residential Farm. 3 rec., 6-9 bed., etc. Up to £20,000 (usual fees).—"R.P.G."—BUCKELL & BALLARD, 16, Cornmarket Street, Oxford (Tel. 4151, 3 lines), and at 4, 8t. Martin's Street, Wallingford (Tel. 3205).

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SOMERISET, GLOUCESTERSHIRE,
OR WILTSHIRE. Country Mansion.
Accommodation for 150 boarders and level
land for playing fields essential.—LALONDE
BROS. & PARHAM, Estate Agents, Westonsuper-Mare (Tel. 4500).

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UNFURNISHED wing on flat on country estate (over 400 ft.) reqd. by gentleman. Stabling. Garage. Might go as paying guest.—P., c/o BUESARY, Queen's College, Oxford.

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Country House, 4-5 beds., 3 rec. M
Garden.—Box 6442.

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A WELL PLANNED RESIDENCE

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Hall, 3 reception rooms, 6 bed and dressing rooms (4 with basins), 3 bathrooms. Central heating, electric light, and power, abundant water supply. (Main available.) Septic tank drainage. 2 Garages.

Exceptionally fine secondary Residence containing 5 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, and bathroom.



2 Cottages, farmery with attested buildings. Pleasure grounds, kitchen garden, orchards. Pasture and arable, river meadowland. FREEHOLD FOR SALE WITH ABOUT 76 ACRES. VACANT POSSESSION ON COMPLETION

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Containing approximately 60 rooms, with main electricity, gas and water. Surrounded by beautiful grounds. 3 excellent lodges, woodland.

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Built in 1938, extremely well planned and beautifully equipped throughout.

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Garage for 2/3 cars.

Charming wooded gardens and grounds, with rose and flower gardens, lawns, kitchen garden, orchard and woodland.

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Rugby 11 miles. Northampton 13 miles. WITH VACANT POSSESSION. TITHE FREE

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THE RESIDENCE approached by a drive stands over 600 feet up with magnificent

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Main electric light.



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215 ACRES

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Solicitors: Messrs. HAWKINS & CO., Portmill Lane, Hitchin, Herts.
Particulars of the Auctioneers: Messrs. JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, Bridge Street, Northampton (Tel. 32990-1).

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THE VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BRADFORD PEVERELL ESTATE, DORCHESTER
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THE VACANT POSSESSION LOTS INCLUDE:—
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As a separate unit, the magnificent GRASS-DRYING PLANT, with site of over 2 acres, well equipped and at present in full production with throughput of grass 2 tons an hour or corn 6 tons an hour. Rassome BCD 9/7 dual-purpose dryer; 3 fans.

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A Unique and charming
Residence, parts dating
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and dressing rooms, 4 principal bathrooms, 4 staff
bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The offices are up
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Main electricity and water. Main electricity and water. Central heating. Garages for 3. Stabling for 12, etc. 3 first-rate cottages (baths) Beautiful gardens. Together with some

751/2 ACRES of land.

To be sold by Auction (unless privately sold) by Messrs. HOWES, LUCE, WILLIAMS & PANES and JACKSON-STOPS (Cirencester) at the GEORGE HOTEL, CHIPPING SOBURY, on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1952, at 3 p.m.
Illustrated details from the Joint Auctioneers: Messrs. HOWES, LUCE, WILLIAMS & PANES, Chipping Sodbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Thornbury and Bristol; JACKSON-STOPS (Cirencester), Dollar Street House, Cirencester, London and provinces. Solicitors: Messrs. WILLIAMS & JAMES, Norfolk House, Embankment, London, W.C.2.

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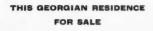
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4 BEDROOMS BATHROOM

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ABOUT 11/4 ACRES



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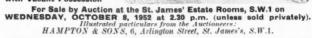
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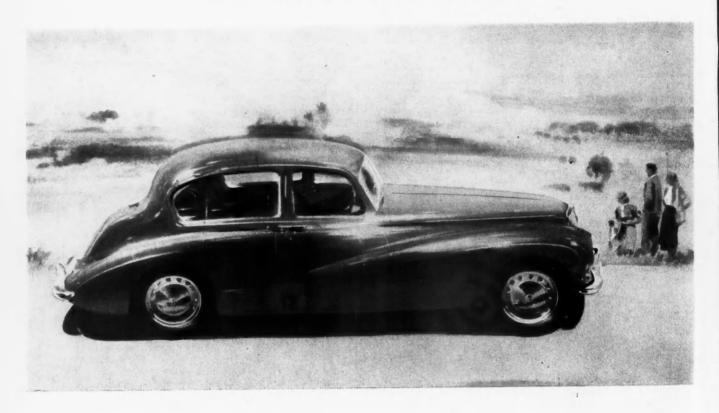
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FARMING TO-DAY

ICHAELMAS offers a timely opportunity to review the changes that have come about in British farming, assess the real progress that has been made and point to the needs of the future. British farming never lacks critics and it would be foolish to pretend that everything is as it should be, but it is no less short-sighted and ignorant to criticise farmers generally for inefficiency and lack of enterprise. Comparing like with like, the farming of our eastern counties is almost, if not quite, as good as the farming of the countries of north-west Europe which are so often held up as models for us and the rest of the world. There is nothing to be ashamed of in our standards of tillage farming, although some farmers could do better still by using fertilisers more generously and taking still greater pride in producing to the utmost capacity of their land.

On the livestock side Dr. John Hammond, writing in this issue, points to the great improvement of the cattle kept in dairy herds. Most of our commercial dairy cows are, he says, now becoming pedigree animals in fact, if not in name, by the continued use of first-class pedigree bulls of high-producing ancestry. In this the small farmer has been greatly helped by the artificial insemination stations which provide the use of good bulls without the necessity for large capital outlay. This, Dr. Hammond considers, has had a great psychological influence, seen in the pride the owner takes in his cattle and the care he gives to his young stock. It is not only a matter of producing higher-yielding dairy cows. The cattle-breeding stations allow dairy farmers to have their worst cows inseminated from a good beef bull, and in this development lies the best hope for increasing the numbers of beef cattle. The Hereford x Dairy Shorthorn and Hereford x Friesian calves, carrying the typical white forehead, are seen more often to-day and make exceptionally good beef cattle.

Some good rules for their rearing are given on a later page by Mr. W. S. Mansfield, who inspired the beef production experiments at the ambridge University Farm. Government's decision to re-introduce the calf subsidy and points out that whether these additional calves can be profitably fed into good beef depends largely on how well they are reared. Much of the merit of the true beef-bred animal, like the Aberdeen Angus or the Scotch Shorthorn, is due to the start that the calves get, each being suckled by its own mother for six to eight months. For most farmers this is much too expensive to-day, but the Cambridge experiments show beyond question that the time to be generous is in the early stages of a calf's life. By the Wiltshire method of multiple suckling of calves a dairy cow can rear up to ten calves a year, allowing them some supplementary dry

food. But we must not become obsessed by the need for more red meat. Mr. Clyde Higgs stresses that there is plenty of room for both milk and beef; and as a producer-retailer himself he knows what the customer wants. He makes the interesting suggestion that instead of being allowed a bonus on the extra rich milk from Channel Island and South Devon cows all farmers should be paid on analysis and the customer given a standard milk with, say, 3.25 per cent. butterfat, leaving the balance to be manufactured into butter as is done in Scandinavia. Whether the housewife who looks for a deep cream line on the bottle of milk would take kindly to this is open to question:

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Tending of flock and herd, the lore of the skies. Unafraid, the faithful husbandman went to his God.

Through the gate that opened on fields of Paradise. TERESA HOOLEY.

aware of the need to save labour, especially since the recent rises in the farm wage. Agriculture is one of the few industries that is borrowing still more from the bank to-day, and much of the new equipment that farmers are buying is machinery. The landowner, too, has been called upon to incur heavy expenditure in the modernisation of farm buildings and there will be general sympathy with the plea which Sir Merrik Burrell makes that his authority should be restored to enable him again to be an active partner in the advancement of the agricultural industry.

COSTS AND PRICES

THE Council of the National Farmers' Union has acted wisely in accepting the decision of the Minister of Agriculture against a special price review now to take account of the increase in farmers' costs due to the increase in workers wages that came into effect last month. This increase in costs will, of course, be considered at the next annual price review in February, together with some reductions in production costs, due to the fall in the price of fertilisers, tractors, fencing wire and binder twine. These reductions do not help the specialist milk and egg producers very much in meeting the higher weekly wages bill, but the country cannot have almost continuous reviews and changes in farmers' prices and consequently food prices. To carry out the Government's policy of reducing the sum of food subsidies to £250 million a year, housewives will from October 5 pay more for butter, margarine, sugar and bacon. It is true that these price increases do not benefit farmers, but if the food subsidies are to be kept at this limit, higher prices for farmers would mean still higher prices in the shops. By next spring a clearer picture will be formed of adjustments that are needed to ensure that there is a fair price basis for the fullest possible production of food. On the marketing side much remains to be done and the N.F.U. is fully justified in expressing strong dissatisfaction at the continuing delay in indicating the Government's attitude towards producers' marketing boards and the revival of progress in the more efficient and economical handling of home produce on its way from the farm to the housewife.

RENT ACTS REVISION?

POR some months the Ministry of Housing and Local Government has been collecting evidence about the working of the Rent

Restrictions Acts, and it is to be hoped that the enquiry, when completed, will prelude to some positive action on this ti ornor problem. There are some eight n llion houses the rents of which are pegged at 1939 levels. Since 1939, however, costs of roairs have been trebled and the value of the pound has fallen by more than a third, so tha it is small wonder that owners find it impossi le to maintain their property, and that in conseq ence houses all over the country are deterior ting. So serious has the problem become th t $_{\rm in}$ some large towns the wastage of hou $_{\rm in}$ estimated to exceed the number of new $_{\rm in}$ $_{\rm in}$ built. But although the arguments in f vour of a revision of the Rent Restrictions Ac s are overwhelming, and although Mr. Macı illan showed in a speech at Folkestone last weel that he is sympathetic to the idea, he made it clear that nothing could be done without legislation. And legislation on this subject has long been regarded as political dynamite. However, at the same time that Mr. Macmillan was speaking at Folkestone the Labour discussion pamphlet. The Welfare State, went so far as to admit that the Acts, "while protecting the tenant from excessive rents and giving him security of tenure, do not in some cases allow an income from the property which is sufficient to maintain it in a decent state of repair." This admission, coupled with the Liberals' insistence that something should be done, affords grounds for hoping that a moderate three-party measure of revision may be introduced before long.

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NATIONAL TRUST FINANCE

EVERY year the National Trust is able to report an extension of its work and an increase in the number of its properties, which last year included two great estates (Penrhyn Castle in North Wales and the Derwent Estate in the West Riding) accepted from the Treasury in part payment of death duties by their former owners. Revenue, however, has not expanded in proportion to responsibilities, and the financial position of the Trust continues to cause anxiety. The latest annual report published shows a deficit for 1951 of £33,000. This is considerably less than the deficit of £56,000 for 1950, and both were incurred largely on account of heavy expenditure on deferred repairs, but in meeting them it has been necessary to dip deeply into the Jubilee Fund raised in 1946, which now has only £9,000 left. It is satisfactory to know that the membership has increased from 23,400 at the beginning of 1951 to 33,000 at the date of publication, but it is estimated that of the 540,000 people who visited Trust properties in 1951 less than 5 per cent. were members, and it is obvious that membership might and ought to be much greater than it is. During the last three years £202,000 has been spent on repairs and £181,000 on improvements, in part return for which se tenants have agreed to pay increased reals. Sales of timber may in the future become an important item of revenue, but at present n the income from this source goes into planting. In order to obtain a larger investment income it is hoped to promote a Private Bi give the Trust the widest powers of investm for all its funds.

BETTER PETROL?

SIGNS that the attitude of the Government to the restoration of higher-grade pet is changing give grounds for hope that Bri motorists (and also visitors from abroad, are accustomed to high-grade petrol in town countries) may soon have alternative the present low-grade pool petrol. The adv tages of better petrol are not merely that, improving the efficiency and fuel consumption of engines, it would enable motorists in country to obtain a better performance from their cars and to run them more cheaply. would also probably have a beneficial effect the development of motor-cars for export. national fuel policy emphasised, most foreignational fuel policy emphasised, most foreignating, and it would be a help to our exports if manufacturers had the incentive to develop the type of engine that such a fuel makes

COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

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By **Major C. S. JARVIS**

MONG the most depressing sights in the countryside is one to be seen on approxi-mately one autumn out of four—a field full of sodden and drooping corn-stooks from the tops of which green shoots are sprouting. Fortunately, one might range the whole of the south of England and fail to see anything of that re this year. It is very rarely indeed that nglish farmer will admit that everything is ct. but the owner of the 80-acre holding ining our house reluctantly admits that has been so this year-if one pins him down His hay crop, cut in hot, sunny weather, If as large again as in normal years and excellent quality; his wheat, barley and are one and all well above the average, of are in thatched ricks awaiting the arrival the threshing machine; his kale, swede and of gold crops, which at one time were looking very poor way owing to the persistent ght, have made a remarkable recovery the rains of early August; and the grazing dows, which were showing signs of being at out, are once again a rich verdant green.

The only thing that defeats this 70-hour-ak worker is the bracken on a large upland mendow, which, despite constant cutting, steadily advances down the slope to the richer soil below. However, he makes it pay something in the way of a dividend, since, whenever he finds an odd moment he carts down the dried bracken and spreads it in the small sunken yard which his 20 cows wait every day for a quarter of an hour or so while their morning and evening feeds are being prepared at milking time. In the spring he carries many cartloads of the resulting well-rotted farmyard dung to spread over his fields, and this is probably one of the reasons why his corn crops are usually above the standard produced by other farms in the locality.

* * * LTHOUGH the long drought of the summer A lowered the water in many small West Country rivers to such an extent that it was possible to tempt a nervous trout to look at a fly only when dusk was turning to darkness, the two chalk-streams in this locality in which I am interested maintained their levels to a surprising extent considering the lack of rainfall. This, I imagine, was probably due to many riparian owners' failing to cut the weeds in their stretches during the summer months, as was their custom before the Catchment Boards began to take over the duty from them during the war. I have always regarded weed cutting with mixed feelings because, although I realise that it is absolutely necessary if one is to have well-drained meadows in the vicinity, and I appreciate my own particular stretch's being cleared of the dense banks which block likely runs, I can recall many promising days in the past which were brought to an abrupt conclusion through masses of floating weed coming down from the upper reaches.

* * N the beat on which one has a permit to fish one obtains information beforehand that this is going to take place, so that the rod remains in its case for a week or more while the trout recover from the disturbance and become accustomed to the new conditions in the water. But one never seems to know what is going to happen upstream. I have a recollection of many pre-war days when, after driving 20 miles to the river, I found weather and water conditions perfect and a healthy hatch of fly starting at 11 a.m., to which the trout were beginning to respond satisfactorily, suddenly there came whirling round the bend the advance guard of an extensive weed-cut in the upper reaches. Whether the trout are



A. Ruddle HERRING-BONE BRICKWORK AT MIDHURST, SUSSEX

frightened by the weed masses floating overhead incessantly, or whether the cutting operations put on the move and carry downstream a great number of underwater insects, which they regard as more attractive than surface flies, I do not know, but the rise of fish always stops a few minutes after the first consignment of weed arrives.

* * * ON my last day on the chalk-stream this year the morning rise was spasmodic and unsatisfactory, and though a few trout were taking sedges in a half-hearted manner at 6 p.m., I seemed to spend most of my time unhooking ravenous salmon parr, after which my fly had to be washed, dried and oiled again. one good trout lying under the far bank over which I failed to put a satisfactory fly because either a salmon parr took it before it floated over the right spot, or if it escaped the parr, the flow of the stream caused a sudden drag which It was while I was aroused its suspicions. examining my fly, which had lost both its wings and most of its hackle owing to the sharp teeth of an embryo salmon, that a daddy-long-legs fluttered on to the water over the trout and was snapped up immediately.

At my feet in the grass were numbers of these insects, which had just completed their leather-jacket existence, the wind was blowing strongly across the stream, and as the salmon parr had provided me with a bare hook it seemed to me that it was clearly indicated that I should employ the dap method which is so popular on some Irish loughs. I chose a daddy with a particularly corpulent body, put him on the hook, a convenient gust of wind dropped it over the trout, and two minutes later I slipped the net under a pink-fleshed breakfast for two.

I do not know if a floating daddy-long-legs if used dap fashion comes within the edicts of "dry-fly only," and if not I can only say that the salmon parr were entirely to blame since they put the idea in my head by providing me with the hook for the purpose.

WHILE passing the rickyard of the neighbouring farm recently I saw a sight which taught me that the ordinary domestic hen is not so completely lacking in brains as I have always maintained. A week previously all the corn on the holding had been harvested, and there had been erected in the vard three stacks of wheat. barley and oats. This, of course, constituted a most glorious occasion for the hens of the farm, who have the free run of the rickyard, since there were innumerable straws of corn that had fallen to the ground during carting operations, and when these had been dealt with the stacks were scrutinised most carefully for any stray ears that might be sticking out from the

About the time when the whole of the corn on the ground had been accounted for, and every ear projecting from the ricks within a hen's jumping distance had been pulled out, the farmer and his man started to thatch the wheat stack, and on knocking off work at milking time in the evening left the two ladders in position. When I came along about ten minutes later I learnt that the farm poultry know all about ladders, and the purpose for which they are used, since on every rung there was a hen taking advantage of her rise in the world to pull out those ears which previously had been well beyond her reach, and at the foot of the ladders there were queues of birds waiting for their turn to go aloft.



1.—AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE GOODWOOD ESTATE, SUSSEX. By his plans to develop and use the resources of Goodwood to the full the Duke of Richmond and Gordon has shown what can be done by enterprise and foresight to preserve an ancestral estate in the face of death duties and high taxation

GIVE THE LANDLORD HIS RIGHTFUL

PLACE!

In spite of the catastrophic slump in the economic position of agriculture in Great Britain, which began about 1870 and was alleviated a little by the increased flow of gold from South Africa and Australia from the beginning of this century until 1914 and by the artificial prosperity of the first World War, the landlord class still remained a powerful agent for progress, and also served as an invaluable cushion capable of absorbing and softening the dire financial straits of their tenants. Even so, up to 1939 thousands of farms had been farmed out and vacated by bankrupt tenants, and they have since had to be taken in hand by the landlords, financed, brought back into a reasonably healthy state, and re-let with, until lately, a very small choice of tenant.

By SIR MERRIK BURRELL, Bt., former President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England

All this time death duties were sucking the necessary capital out of agricultural estates, and rents on many farms, which had fallen from an average of 34s. to from 12s. to 18s. an acre, have had to be raised to enable the landlord to do the necessary repairs and improvements

necessary repairs and improvements.

After the first World War came legislation which to all intents and purposes created dual ownership. The landlord was no longer master of his own property. County Council Agricultural Committees had to give permission before a landlord could terminate the tenancy of a man farming badly, and this certificate of bad husbandry was in practice impossible to get until the farm was ruined. I was chairman of my County Agricultural Committee for some 20 years, and so know the hopelessness of the

position as it was during that period. Then came the 1939-45 war, and in 1947 the Government enacted further legislation, which again diminished the landlord's control over his own farms. 'Consequently to-day very many landlords are taking little interest in the efficiency of the farming of their estates. Death duties have gone on sucking out capital from the industry, taxation on investments other than from land, as well as from rents, is crippling, big estates are daily broken up and their management by enthusiastic owners, aided by highly trained land agents, killed.

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There is a psychological effect in all this, as well as a financial one. The County Agricultural Executive Committees, together with the National Advisory Service, are replacing the



2.—HARVESTING ON THE SUSSEX DOWNS, WHERE DURING RECENT YEARS LARGE AREAS OF GRASSLAND HAVE BEEN PLOUGHED UP AND RESOWN WITH WHEAT AND OATS

landlord and his agent. But that replacement has destroyed the invaluable happy tie between the old-fashioned landlord and his tenants, and the breaking up of old estates has let in new owners, often with little farming knowledge. And so to-day, when Sir Thomas Dugdale is calling for a further effort to lift our agriculture on to a yet higher and permanent standard of output, he has a team of only two, the County Executive Committees and the National Advisory Service, and has lost the third partner, the greatest in numbers and value, who besides supplying the equipment of the farms, should be supplying the initiative, the example, the drive and the encouragement.

So much for 75 years of party politics' interfering with Britain's agriculture—votes

of his farm, it should be at once reported by the landlord to his County Committee and not delayed until the farm is ruined. The Minister has already warned County Committees to take full note of such representations. immediate improvement, the landlord should give the tenant notice on the grounds that he was not fulfilling his contract and the C.A.E.C. should back such notice. The final decision on appeal would go to the Agricultural Land Tribunal instead of the landlord's having to go through the very disagreeable process applying to the courts for the eviction of his tenant.

At present the steps that are necessary before a bad farmer can be got rid of are so tedious that, instead of a farm's being saved

could be done by local authorities being instructed to place such men—i.e. those whose tenancies have been terminated by their land-lords—high up on the list for new houses. They cannot simply be turned out.

Conditions must also be imposed that the landlord cannot sell the farm, but must either farm it properly himself for not less than five years or re-let it to some new tenant approved by his County Committee. The only exception should be that if the landlord dies his executors could sell the farm in order to pay estate duties. This would stop any idea of getting rid of a tenant and then selling the farm at an enhanced value because of vacant possession. At the moment the landlord's position as a benefit to the agricultural industry is negligible, beyond his supplying adequate buildings, and his interest in the efficiency of his property is frustrated. The only remedy is to restore real responsibility to him and the necessary support to encourage him fearlessly to carry out his duties.

The disagreeable job of recommending the

termination of a man's tenancy and uprooting him from his home would be removed from the shoulders of his fellow farmers to a large extent and placed on some of those whose duty it had become to safeguard the fertility of the nation's soil. Even so, the County Executive Committees and the District Sub-Committees should have restored to them the power to insist on their advice being carried out, which was most foolishly taken from them by the late Government. This has done more than anything else

to dishearten their members.

The present method of grading a man "C" is far too slow to protect the land from deterioration. In fact it has practically always deteriorated before he is even graded "C." District members are far too inclined to grade a man merely by the amount of production of his farm. Too often they fail to make certain that the drainage of the land is being kept intact, and that adequate manuring is taking place, both artificial and organic, to replace the exports off the farm, especially milk and cereals, the chief robbers of fertility. More important still, they should see that renovating crops are being grown in correct



3.—SHIPPON AT CHEAVELEY HALL FARM, HUNTINGDONSHIRE, BEFORE AND (right) 4.—AFTER MODERNISATION. An example of the renovation of farm buildings that the Duke of Westminster has been carrying out in co-operation with his tenants

from the towns blinding people to the fact that no country has ever prospered for long with a

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Anyone wishing to see this problem in its true perspective should remember this axiom: A man can own land, or he can rent land, but neither owns the inherent fertility of the soil. That he holds in trust for the nation to maintain, and if possible to improve it, so as to hand it on some day unimpaired to his successor. It follows that Parliament must see to it that no one farming the land of Great Britain should be forced by circumstances beyond his control, but not beyond that of wise government, ever again to have to choose between starving his land or starving his family.

It has been pointed out that the landlord, by unwise legislation, has been deprived of the psychological and financial influence he used to have, and should have again, and that the Minister of Agriculture is bereft of one of the allies he needs if he is to succeed as he deserves to do. Instead of being entirely replaced by County Executive Committees, District Committees and N.A.A.S. officials, the landlord must once again be given definite duties, responsibilities and power which would make him their active partner. Naturally, proper safeguards would be needed to ensure that such power could not be abused, or used for selfish purposes rather than for the advancement of our great industry and national safety.

Let the landlords be told that the maintenance and improvement of the fertility of the soil is their responsibility, that if a tenant is not carrying out the conditions agreed in his lease, s laid down in the Ministry of Agriculture's standard lease, and so is endangering the fertility

from ruin, it is ruined before any decision is reached. It must be realised how very awkward it is for the local farmers on a district committee to advocate the eviction of a fellow farmer, quite likely a personal friend. The County Agricultural Executive Committees are now solely advisory, with no powers to see their advice is carried out wisely. No wonder that they have lost interest, and that many of their best members have resigned from both County and District Committees.

If the dead wood is to be cut out of the agricultural tree, as it must be if full national production is to be arrived at, provision must be made for homes for these men to go to. It rotation on the tired tillage areas, old worn-out pastures ploughed, cultivated with arable crops, and replaced again by properly managed three-to four-year leys, the chief of all renovating crops.

This more detailed inspection takes time, and many members of Committees are very busy men, and so here again the landlord, and his agent if he has one, should come into the picture and ensure the raising and maintenance of the fertility of the nation's soil by nothing more or less than good farming. To play his full part is not only in the landlord's own interest: it is

his duty to his successors and to the nation.

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THE ENIGMATIC OTTER - Written and Illustrated by FRANCES PITT

In the following article Miss Frances Pitt, who is a member of the committee set up to enquire into the natural history of others, with particular reference to their breeding and feeding habits, describes some of her many experiences with both tame and wild otters.

E are apt in these go-ahead days, when you can fly to Newfoundland and back in a few hours, to pride ourselves on our knowledge of beasts and birds, in particular the wild life of our English fields, hills, woods and waters. It comes, therefore, as a surprise, almost a shock, to read in the Report of the Committee on Cruelty to Wild Animals of June, 1951, a reference to the otter in these terms: "Its habits have not, however, been ascertained with the same precision as those of other animals with which we have had to deal," followed by a recommendation, "that a thorough investigation should be conducted, under the Nature Conservancy or some other suitable body, into the natural history of the otter and particularly into its feeding habits in various river conditions."

In consequence of this an Otter Committee was set up in January, under the Chairmanship of Dr. E. Hindle, F.R.S., formerly Scientific Director of the London Zoo, with a membership that includes representatives of many scientific and other bodies interested in the subject. Its object is to gather information concerning and

improve our knowledge of the habits of the wary and elusive ofter. It will conduct research into the food, feeding methods and so on of the animal. An investigator has been appointed and financial support is being given by the Nature Conservancy and the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare. It is to be hoped that this will result in light being shed on the ways of what is a comparatively unknown beast, for we have only a scanty amount of knowledge of almost every aspect of its life story.

As one who has had more to do with otters than most people I pondered after writing the last line, and it seemed to me as I did so that once again I felt the wet fur of my old friend Madam Moses against my cheek—she who lived with me for nearly eight years. I thought of her,



her sister Miss Aaron and of Moses' "young man," Thomas Romeo Grievous Otter, also of observations on the otters of river, lake and seashore. Yet despite all this it is indeed a fact we all have a lot to find out about the otter.

First there is the question of food. According to some people it might be supposed that salmon and trout are the chief items on the otter's menu, indeed that it lives entirely on them, but its bill of fare is not so simple as that. I have found the remains of trout in the droppings of wild otters, also those of coarse fish and moorhen feathers, rabbit fur and frog bones, the last frequently and in quantity. My domesticated otters had a passion for frogs, but not toads. A toad was taken only when there was nothing else to be had and there was time to deal with it.

It was lifted carefully by a hind toe carried to the water and there was led. Then it was brought ashore and rule bed on the turf, only to be returned to the water and rolled over and over between the paws. It was thus was hed until all the acid skin secretion had been cleaned away and it could be eaten. A frog, on the contrary, was grabbed with gusto and played with for only a minute or two before being devoured.

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Moses specialised in frog huning, particularly in winter. She went along the muddy margins of the pends, sniffing here and there, and if there was a frog buried under the rubbish she had it out in no time. The frog, it will be remembered, hibernates in such places, often near the spot where it will presently deposit its spawn. Moses hunted the pond sides until not a frog was left. Whereas March usually brought forth many frogs, to float in the water croaking their spring love song, now hardly one was to be seen, still less the jelly-like masses of eggs.

My otters enlightened me as to the catholic tastes of their species. Moses and Aaron hunted rabbits above and underground with determination and success and feasted on their captures. Although I got a few trout, an occasional roach and sometimes bought fish from the shop for them, they lived mostly on rabbit: their ration was half a rabbit apiece per day, served complete with fur, bones and innards.

They hunted, with keen, energetic impartiality, everything which ran away from them, from the cats which took to the trees at the sight of them to a rat, of the farmyard kind, which Moses nosed out of a hole in the bank of the pond. The rat dived into the pool and so did the otters. Which caught it I cannot say: I think it was Aaron, for it was she who emerged from the water with it in her mouth and devoured it before her sister could get it away from her. The two otters caught sundry moorhens and it was only by some special kindness of Providence that they did not kill my mallard. How the ducks escaped I do not know. Some of my pet wild geese did not.

It was towards the end of her life that Moses, after an unauthorised holiday of ten days, came home and celebrated her return by slaying two Brent geese. I heard a commotion in the dawn, got up, went out and was met by a dark, wet object, which jumped upon me, climbed into my arms and pressed a dirty muzzle against my nose.

It is my belief that the otter takes heavy toll of young waterfowl, such as mallard ducklings, cygnets and so on, diving beneath them and grabbing them from below before the parent birds know of danger at hand.

It is possible that an otter may occasionally do damage among poultry housed near wat.r. There was the case of a henpen in a riversile meadow, the occupants of which were attacked one night. Some creature got in, "effecting an entrance," as they say in the police courts, you pushing its way under the wire-netting. The hole was not very big and it was neat and round. It did not look to me like the work of a fox a dwas too small for a badger. However, the owner of the hens was convinced it was a fox that had slain them.

This was in the days when Hunts p.id compensation for damage done by foxes and the Hunt Secretary duly paid up, but I had seen the padmarks of a large otter at the river's verge and doubt if a fox was really to blame.

Do otters take salmon? I question if they often or ever attack a big strong fish. It is a fair-sized otter which weighs twenty pounds and a large one of over this size. A fresh run salmon of fifteen to twenty pounds would give an otter a big task. I should like to see the battle. Of course, a spent kelt is quite a different matter, and I think that most of the salmon taken by



AN OTTER IN A SHALLOW POOL. "Is it a menace to fishing; in particular, is it really a danger on trout and salmon rivers?"

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y km We are told that the otter is very fond of eels, but the only evidence I have to offer on the point is negative. A friend, thinking to give Madam Moses and Miss Aaron a real treat, brought along several fine and lively eels. They were beauties and wriggled about in a lively manner. The otters, who we expected to rush to the attack, did nothing of the sort. They had no experience of eels, had never seen anything of the kind before, and were frightened of them. They sniffed at them in a doubtful manner, jumped back when they squirmed and then gave them a wide berth. Even when an eel was killed, cut up and presented in bits, they still failed to show any enthusiasm. I think the trouble was lack of education with regard to eels.

An otter cub has a lot to learn. For example, a duckling takes to water at sight but

night and left large muddy footprints on the door of the shed which was their headquarters. I assumed it was a dog otter who came to whisper sweet nothings to the ladies. Eventually Miss Aaron ran off, leaving Moses most disconsolate, and I thought she had eloped with her adorer. But the interesting point is the distance the visitor had to travel each night, much of it over dry land. The Severn is more than a mile away as a bird flies. The otter probably came up a small tributary for half the distance, then struck across a wood, followed a ditch to the ponds by the house and scented the pet otters in their sleeping quarters. But He must have been wandering around.

He must have been wandering around.

In June, 1950, I visited Scolt Head, that sandy island on the Norfolk coast which is such a wonderful bird resort, and was interested to note on a muddy stretch of shore facing

of common, Sandwich and little terns without interfering with them. It is true that not one of my four tame otters ever showed any interest in eggs from the edible standpoint. An egg as a toy was a different matter. Madam Moses, even in old age, would play and play with an egg, dropping it in the water, diving after it, bringing it to the surface, to balance it on her nose, throw it aloft and catch it again, all with such skill that the egg continued whole and uncracked.

Had the tern chicks been abroad, the otter might have paused on his way. I have hinted that this animal is not fastidious what it hunts. After all it belongs to the *Mustelidæ*, or weasels, an order of mammals that includes some of our most ruthless hunters.

Reverting to the otter Committee and its work, it will not lack subjects for investigation, since definite information, as I have pointed



AN OTTER CUB. "IT IS AT FIRST AFRAID OF WATER, AND HAS TO FIND OUT ALL ABOUT IT"

a young otter shows no such inclination. It seems to have no inherited disposition to respond to the stimulus of water; on the contrary, it has to find out all about it. I have watched four young otters learn to swim and to gain ability in the water. All four were at first afraid. Each proceeded in the same way, approaching nervously, withdrawing, experimenting in the shallows and gradually acquiring confidence.

Although the otter has webbed feet and many features adapted to aquatic life, it is by no means wedded to the water; indeed in some particulars it seems more at home on land. When Aaron and Moses were in a hurry, for example when I called them to come in for a meal, they always scrambled ashore and ran round the pond rather than swim across it. They could gallop faster than they could

Otters often undertake cross-country excursions, leaving river or lake to explore inland. Aaron and Moses had a visitor who came in the

the mainland an otter's footprints. They were characteristic and unmistakable and had been made by a fair-sized specimen. My guess was that a male of age and weight had swum across the channel from the mainland and landed there. I followed his trail for a long way. It was plain on the mud and the wet sand, but elusive on the dry ground. However I followed it across to the ternery, through it-I saw no sign of the animal's having interfered with eggs or nests and on to the shore. Here he passed nests of the little tern and continued to the edge of the tide, along which he journeyed for some half a mile or more. A detour into the sand dunes, where there were more nests, and on to a stony flat with nests of redshank and common tern, came next. From here he had gone back to the shore, to journey on parallel to the waves. Unfortunately I had to turn back, so that I do not know how much farther or where that otter went, but he had already travelled a good distance.

It amazed me that he passed so many nests

out, is sadly deficient on many aspects of the natural history of the otter. For example, how little we know of the courtship and mating of the otter, the length of gestation, when the majority of litters are born and how long the cubs are before they open their eyes and get their first teeth! Then there are the questions: How long do they remain with their dam? Does the dog otter take any interest in his offspring and does he contribute in any way to their maintainence? Do otters mate for life? What is the range of an otter's food, and on what does the average otter live? Is the otter a menace to fishing; in particular, is it really a danger on trout and salmon rivers?

If any reader should chance to find himself with a dead otter on his hands and will send the corpse for examination to the Research Worker, Otter Committee, c/o the Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London, he will be helping the work and lightening the task of the Committee.

DEVELOPMENTS IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

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THE most obvious change which has occurred in animal husbandry in this country during the last few years is the great improvement in the quality of the cattle kept in dairy herds. Most of our commercial dairy cows are now becoming pedigree animals, in fact if not in name, by the continued use through successive generations of first-class pedigree bulls of high-producing ancestry. This has been made possible by the development of a chain of artificial insemination stations throughout the country which have provided the use of good bulls to the small dairy farmer without the necessity for large capital outlay on his part. The fact that he has been able to get the use of an outstanding bull for his cows has also had a great psychological influence, which is seen in the pride the owner takes in his cattle and in the greater care in feeding and management which is now being given to the offspring.

The demand by A.I. stations for proved bulls, which have already shown their breeding worth by having sired high-yielding heifers, has drawn attention to the necessity for such records in connection with the selection of young bulls. When we have records of how the old bulls have bred for milk we can select young bulls with milk on both sides of the pedigree and not on the dam's side only, as has been done in the

drying, all of which can be made from younger, more nutritious and less fibrous grass than would be possible under our old systems of hav-making.

The cleaning up of dairy herds from contagious abortion and tuberculosis has made very rapid strides during the last few years. In concection with tuberculosis, the system of keeping the cows in covered yards and providing a milking parlour in place of the cowshed has been spreading rapidly. This also has the advantage of a saving in labour costs and of conserving the manurial value of the excreta so that larger crops can be grown.

The covered-yard system is particularly useful where new buildings are involved, for it is less costly in erection than the cowshed. It does, however, require an ample supply of straw and so is especially applicable to areas which, owing to the necessities of our times, are developing arable land. If properly constructed, such buildings can serve many purposes, such as the wintering of young cattle, as is done at the Grassland Research Station, Hurley, the saving of labour in feeding and the introduction of mechanisation into muck carting.

The swing-over to dairy cattle during the war and the forced sale of our investments in the Argentine, which formerly brought us beef as payment of interest on our capital invested

throughout the country. The dairy farmer with a herd of 30 milking cows can now have his best 20 cows, from which he will breed his airy heifer replacements, inseminated from a good progeny-tested dual-purpose bull and 10 worst cows from which replacements ar required inseminated from a good beef bull. Such Hereford-Dairy Shorthorn and Here ordered inseminated from a good beef bull who are rearing beef cattle. They are in fact proving a better commercial proposition han pure beef cattle since they combine the graver weight for age of their dual-purpose dam with the blockiness of form of their beef sire. The extent to which this breeding of colour-marked beef calves in dairy herds is developing is shown by the fact that last year about 80,000 cows were inseminated from colour-marked bulls.

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It is beginning to be realised, too, that during the first year of life the calf, like the freshly calved cow, has great potentialities for production and that it pays to feed them both well at this stage. This has led to the wide use throughout the country of the Wiltshire method of multiple suckling of calves. By this method a dairy cow giving 900 gallons can rear up to about 10 calves in succession giving each a gallon a day for 90 days; if she gives 4 gallons at first, she has 4 calves, and if when these come off at



EWES AND LAMBS GRAZING ON SWARD KEPT SHORT AND LEVEL BY ROTO-MOWERS AT THE WYE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, KENT

past. National Milk Records are now publishing annually a list of progeny-tested bulls so that breeders can see where to obtain a son of one of these, which is the next best thing to a proved bull, especially if it also comes out of a cow with a good lifetime record of production.

More use is now being made of milk records; some 16 per cent. of our dairy herds are now recorded and in some areas, such as the southeast, it rises to 40 per cent., reaching its peak of 55 per cent in Surrey. Milk recording has enabled the farmer to measure and appreciate quickly the value of new methods such as the "steaming up" of his heifers before calving, and the increased output he can obtain from his grassland or forage crops by the use of strip grazing by electric fencing. The result has been a rapid extension of these practices.

The necessity for producing more milk from home-grown feeding-stuffs has led in recent years to a much better utilisation of our grassland, not only in the substitution of long leys for the poorer permanent grassland, which is increasing its output by at least 50 per cent., but also by obtaining from it a product which is in the nature of a concentrate, suited to feed to high-producing cows, rather than a roughage in the form of a hay cut at a late stage of growth and suitable for maintenance and low yields only. Various ways for doing this are coming into general use according to circumstances, for example tripod-made hay, pit silage and grass

there, have during the last few years necessitated a complete overhaul of our methods of beef production. Instead of producing a small quantity of fresh home-killed beef for the luxury trade, we are now confronted with the problem of producing meat for the millions. re-organisation is only just beginning, but it seems probable that there will be considerable developments in this direction during the coming years. Increased efficiency in the dairy industry is giving us more milk from fewer cows and this, combined with the intensive use of our grassland. should supply the feeding-stuffs necessary for such development. While the improvement of hill areas which is slowly taking place will give facilities for the breeding of more beef cattle, it will be some time yet before the full effect of this is seen. We have, however, large areas of low-lying ill-drained land, potentially highly fertile, which could quickly be made into good fattening pastures. Helicopters are beginning to be used with good results for spraying fertilisers (on Plinlimmon) or weedkiller plus fertiliser on land inaccessible to wheeled traffic (Norfolk marshland).

Most of our beef cattle now have to come from the dairy herds of this country, but since the numbers of really good dual-purpose (Shorthorn, Red Poll, Friesian and so on) steers are not sufficient, there has been a rapid development of the use of colour-marking beef bulls (Hereford and Aberdeen Angus) by A.I. centres

the end of 90 days she is yielding 3 gallons, she will have 3 more calves put on, and so on until she goes dry. There are various means of doing this according to circumstances, but the usual plan is to let the cow into the box where the calves are kept twice a day so that in the interval the calves can have creep feed, which is continued after weaning so that no setback occurs. By giving the calf a good start in life it can, after it is about 8 months old, deal with roughages much more efficiently without suffering a check in development. The experiments at the Cambridge University Farm have sho in that calves reared in this way can be got out fat at 2½ years old as compared with 3½ years old when reared by the usual methods, this providing a quicker turn over on capital thin was possible under our old methods of buf production.

The problem of bringing the yearlin's through the first winter without check, which is necessary if a quick turnover of capital is to be obtained in the beef industry, has not been solved on a wide scale, but some promising trials are being made. At the Norfolk Agricultural Station bullock-fattening yards are now being used for this purpose, and on the Hampshira Downs folding the yearlings on kale with electric fencing is now being tried to replace the sheep fold in the economy of chalk-land farming.

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With the shortage of imported feeding-stuffs and the high cost of winter feed as

compared with grass (the relative costs, taking grass as 1, are approximately 2 for hay, 3 for silage, and 6 for concentrates such as oats and sugarbeet pulp), it is not surprising that summer fattening in proportion to winter fattening has been increasing, especially since the present price differences between spring and autumn beef are quite inadequate to deal with the situation. Isolated attempts are being made to lower the costs of winter fattening, for example by the utilisation of sugar-beet tops and by folding with electric fencing on mixed thousand-head and marrow-stemmed kale on light soils in the south.

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In general, the present high labour costs entailed in muck making and spreading from yards are being replaced by keeping stock on long leys where the manure is utilised immediately by the grass and the manurial elements turned over twice or more in the season with no wastage of the liquid manure. On suitable soils this has been extended to the winter period by keeping bullocks on the old seeds leys, with straw carted on and a run off to sugar-beet tops, and such leys are ploughed in the spring and a rop of Atlee wheat taken. On heavy land grass, drilled as for a seed crop, will with all propriate resting in the late summer produce for gage for wintering cattle well.

During the present year the pig has come the rescue and prevented an otherwise itable drop in the meat ration in the spring early summer. During and after the war e was a swing-over to the coloured breeds eing better suited to coarse feeds and outr conditions, and at the present time sows hese breeds crossed with Large White boars providing most of our pig-meat. In the last years there has been a remarkable increase he number of pigs kept in Scotland, homewn feeding stuffs now forming a large part the pig's ration. Cereals are being supplemented not only with boiled small potatoes, but also with some varieties of the recently introduced fodder beet which have the advantage over potatoes in that they do not require cooking. As the cost of producing the store pig is mainly dependent on the number of pigs per sow weaned, much attention recently has been paid to better methods of farrowing and rearing. Unlike cattle and sheep, the pig is a nest-making animal and the secret of success in keeping the young pigs alive is to keep them warm for the first week or so. The new American approach to this problem is that of "pig hatcheries" in which the pigs are taken from the sow at birth and reared in brooders like chicks. It has not yet been tried in this country, but may be worth considering, as the sow can be mated again in about a week and so produce three litters in just over the year. Losses through cold in young



AN ESSEX SOW TETHERED ON GRASS, WITH YOUNG PIGS BY A LARGE WHITE BOAR BEING CREEP-FED, AT THE UNIVERSITY FARM, CAMBRIDGE

pigs here are now being prevented in various ways (radiating lamps, electrically heated floors, and so on), but the one most frequently adopted is that of farrowing the sow on tether in a wooden-floored hut on grass-land. This has the additional advantage that the young pigs have access to vitamins and minerals from an early age and so avoid all deficiency diseases. Like calves, the young pig is either made or marred by how it is reared. Creep-feeding on dry feed with access to water so as to obtain heavy weaning weights is now being used far more extensively. This not only adds to the profitableness of bacon production by leading to a quicker turnover, but also yields a better carcase quality.

lowland grass, which could be ploughed, up to the hills, where the plough could not go. Now, however, with the general introduction of the long-ley system, they are beginning to come back again in the form of flying flocks based on crossbred hill ewes mated to a Down ram. For this purpose the Border Leicester x Cheviot ewe (Half-bred) has always commanded a ready sale owing to its high fertility and good milking qualities, which are the basic needs for economic production. Owing to the limited supply and high cost of these however a rival in the form

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high cost of these, however, a rival in the form of the Border Leicester x Welsh ewe has now appeared and is proving equally successful. Where a breeding as distinct from a flying flock is required, the Clun, a breed showing a

remarkable similarity to a Suffolk-Welsh cross, has made rapid advances recently.

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In arable areas the labour costs of setting folds have prevented increase of the Down breeds except as ram-breeding flocks. In these areas fencing, or rather the lack of it, is the greatest obstacle to the return of the sheep, even on the leys. While electric fencing is 100 per cent. proof with cattle and pigs, for sheep as at present constructed it is only about 95 per cent. proof, and with valuable arable crops about on the farms this is not good enough. The construction of a 100 per cent. proof electric fence for sheep would do much to bring back the sheep to our arable areas.

The natural food of the sheep is a dense sward of short sweet grass, for under such conditions each mouthful taken is a big one. The provision of such a sward, following the New Zealand system, is now being developed in some localities here by the close folding of ewes and lambs on grass combined with rotational grazing, rotomowers being used to keep an even sward. It might be thought that under such conditions there might be trouble from worms, but the philosophy of those who practise the system is that while the lamb gets plenty of good milk, as it does under such conditions, worms won't worry it, and if it comes to the worst there are now new drugs on the market to cope with them.

Within recent years many changes have taken place in the poultry industry. The general structure now taking shape within the industry is that the expert breeder, using progeny-testing and other means of producing good and healthy stock free from B.W.D., is distributing to those who supply eggs for hatcheries, for the day-old chick trade is now attaining considerable pro-portions. For this purpose the new sex-linked breeds, and perhaps even better still sex-linked first crosses because of their hybrid vigour, have the advantage that pullets or cockerels only can be supplied to those who are producing eggs or tablebirds respectively. The guarantee disease-free stock from such sources has done much to put the industry on a sound footing; although on the other side of the picture the importation of fowl pest from the Continent has caused setbacks from time to time. Other developments have been the battery system of egg production, which, although it requires considerable capital outlay, has greatly increased the production of eggs per bird and so the efficiency of food conversion. This is particularly so during the late autumn and winter months, when eggs are scarce. The deep-litter system which has recently been introduced from the U.S.A. is also now making headway in this country, for it reduces considerably the labour involved, especially when it is associated with a mechanised self-feeding system. The addition of antibiotics to the feed for rearing chicks is also developing, for it not only cuts down losses but also in many cases appears to increase the growth rate materially, especially where the rations available are not ideal and where animal protein is scarce.



LAYING HENS IN A DEEP-LITTER HOUSE

LADY TEMPLETOWN'S DESIGNS FOR WEDGWOOD

By G. BERNARD HUGHES





1.—CUT STEEL BROOCH CONTAINING A JASPER MEDALLION: THE BOURBONNAIS SHEPHERD, BY LADY TEMPLETOWN. (Right) 2.—TORTOISESHELL POWDER-BOX INLAID WITH A BLUE-AND-WHITE JASPER CAMEO: SPORTIVE LOVE, DESIGNED BY LADY TEMPLETOWN AND MODELLED BY WILLIAM HACKWOOD. 1786

NE has but to mention the name of Josiah Wedgwood to bring to mind lovely white bas-reliefs set against the most lustrous opaque backgrounds known to ceramics and perfectly reflecting the remote classic mood of the late 18th century. That enterprising and indefatigable potter holds a place in ceramics somewhat akin to that of Thomas Chippendale among makers of furniture. In each case the name stands for distinctive styles of work rather than for the designs or workmanship of an individual craftsman.

Indeed, Wedgwood himself determined that the individual efforts of those who worked for him should be lost in anonymity, and that all the products of his factory Etruria should be marked merely with the all-embracing name of Wedgwood. Moreover, this ruling applied not only to employees within the factory, but even to such celebrated artists, modellers and the like as worked to his commission. So much the more interesting, therefore, is the occasional

emergence of an individual name to which specific designs or workmanship may be ascribed. Among these one of the most popular is that of Lady Templetown

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Doubtless Wedgwood recognised the publicity value of her title and repute, but he recognised and acknowledged, too, the quality of her designs. Unequivocably he declared: "Lady Templetoun, whose exquisite taste is universally acknowledged, has honoured me with the liberty of copying from her designs." More than seventy outside designers and modellers were employed by Wedgwood, including such famous sculptors as John Flaxman, John Bacon and Louis François Roubiliac, and in the same trade catalogue of 1787 in which he thus praised Lady Templetown he gave passing mention for bas-relief designs to Sir Joshua Reynolds and Madame Le Brun, as well as to such fashionable amateurs as Lady Diana Beauclerk and Miss Crewe. But specific praise was reserved for Lady Templetown. To-day her designs may seem

sentimental and the contemporary admiration somewhat over-enthusiastic, but it has to be acknowledged that in an age of leisured amateurs her work was sought out by one of the period's foremost business men and is now more highly prized than ever.

Wedgwood's For bas-reliefs Lady Templetown contributed some two dozen designs, but took no further part in transformation from paper outlines or drawings to the various ornamental pieces differentiated at the time as plaques, medallions. cameos, portraits and the like, which reflected fashionable taste of Wedgwood's day. These bas-reliefs date from 1768 onwards, that being the year in which Etruria was built and

when Thomas Bentley entered into partnership with Wedgwood in the manufacture of ornamental ware. Until his death, in 1780, Bentley was the presiding genius at their London showrooms in Greek Street, Soho, and the power which so successfully directed Wedgwood in the world of classic art.

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By 1771 Wedgwood had developed a fine stoneware which he named jasper, because its density enabled it to be as highly polished on the lathe as the natural stone. His fame as an ornamental potter has been based upon the baseliefs he produced in this medium. Josiah Wedgwood's jasper was basically a dense vitreous semi-porcelain converted into a hard close-textured stoneware by the addition of barium carbonate. Its fine, hard surface was secured without the application of glaze and, when pressed thin, it displayed translucency. At first jasper had a creamy hue. Experiments continued, and by 1775 a perfectly white jas er was in production. Jasper body varies from the dry and opaque to the waxen and transluce t. Until 1820 texture was fine and uniform of grain, and never chalky in appearance. Examples made between 1780 and 1795 feel alm this satin to the touch. During the early 178 satisfiely glossy variety was made, known of collectors as waxen jasper.

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Jasper was hard enough to be given a billiant polish by the lapidary's wheel. Yet it visions porous enough to be stained throughout its substance by almost any desired colour, against which white embossments stood out clearly in relief. Wedgwood appears to have used sey in of these ground colours: dark blue, lavende abluish pink known to collectors as lilac, siegreen, olive green, an intense black and, rare an attractive yellow. These hues varied in the for technical reasons then difficult to overcome, such as the impurity of the oxides used and variations in the firing temperature. Mineral oxides were used for colouring jasper, and never

stained the reliefs.

At first the jasper panels used as backgrounds for bas-reliefs were coloured throughout the mass of their fabric with mineral oxides, but it was found that a considerable proportion of these became spotted or marbled during firing. By 1777 Wedgwood had discovered that uniform tints were possible by dipping the front of the white jasper panel into a slip of coloured



3.—CUP AND SAUCER OF WHITE JASPER AND LILAC DIP WITH APPLIED DECORATION BY LADY TEMPLETOWN AND LADY DIANA BEAUCLERK. 1785



4. SCENT-BOTTLE OF CUT GLASS SET WITH A JASPER MEDALLION: FIGURES BY LADY TEMPLETOWN. 1785

jasper. This is known to collectors as dipped jasper, and from 1780 nearly all bas-relief work was coloured by this method. Small medallions for jewellery and the like were still coloured throughout. A dark blue dip might sometimes

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These colours were the backgrounds against which classical reliefs and other motifs were applied, usually in white jasper. From wax originals moulds of these were made in plaster of paris or fired clay. The moist white jasper was pressed by the potter's thumbs into such a pitcher or intaglio mould until every line and dot was fitted. The superfluous clay was then scraped off level with the face of the mould with a modelling tool. After drying for a few minutes, the white jasper relief was skilfully extracted from the mould, wetted with water and applied by hand to the coloured panel, a process known as sprigging on. While the clay was still soft, the modeller tooled the reliefs, undercutting the edges to give sharpness to shadows and perfecting the surface. The subsequent firing was a skilled operation requiring infinite care and judgment. The long slabs of jasper to which the reliefs were applied were perfectly flat, yet they seldom exceeded a quarter of an inch in thickness—a technical triumph indeed.

Bas-relief plaques were at once fashionable as cabinet pictures and replaced the insertions of carved ivory then in vogue. Such panels enriched satinwood book-cases, writing-tables and a wide variety of small cabinets. Sets of them ornamented with classical figure groups were made for insertion in chimney-pieces. Usually the set consisted of five or seven panels, arranged with a large plaque flanked by smaller rectangular plaques, and with a circular medallion at each and even the ican by

lion at each end over the jamb.

The designs contributed by Lady Templetown often appeared on jasper cameos, and the coloured grounds showed to advantage in mounts of cut steel forming buckles, bracelet ornaments and the like. The bracelet cameos cost 7s. 6d. each.

Lady Templetown was the daughter of Sir William Shuckworth Broughton, of Poston Court, Hereford. At the age of 20 she married Clotworthy Upton, Clerk-comptroller to the Dowager Princess of Wales. Seven years later, in 1776, her husband was raised to the peerage with the title of Baron Templetown of Templetown in the County of Antrim. Lady Templetown's name is often mis-spelled—Josiah Wedgwood himself invariably wrote "Templetoun," and some authorities on Wedgwood have preferred "Templeton."

Like most educated women of her period, Lady Templetown devoted considerable time and energy to a hobby. Her enthusiasm was the study of art, at which she showed more than average ability, as is indicated by a landscape drawing in colour now in the Victoria and Albert Museum. During the early 1780s there was a vogue for decorative cut-outs shadow pictures—the work now better known as silhouettes, although the term was first used in this connection as late as 1799 and admitted by the French Academy to their Dictionary only in 1835. Lady Templetown delighted in the craft. cutting the paper without the aid of preliminary drawings, and it was in the form of cut-outs that much of her work was accepted by Wedgwood. It has been suggested that an interest in modelling and sculpture

prompted him to consider designs for basreliefs. No such work by her has been recorded, however, and it must be remembered that other talented amateurs were applying their cut paper work to decorative purposes. Mrs. Delany, wife of the Dean of Down, was reputed to have decorated innumerable chimney-pieces in this way before Lady Templetown had sold Wedgwood her first design.

Records in the Wedgwood Museum show that Lady Templetown's first cut-outs were received by Wedgwood on June 21, 1783. These were The Bourbonnais Shepherd (Fig. 1) and Maria and Her Dog, both based on scenes from Laurence Sterne's then popular book, A Sentimental Journey. An opera-glass with a single telescopic glass mounted in ivory and ormolu, and ornamented with Maria and Her Dog in jasper,

white on blue, was made for Queen Charlotte.

The cut-outs were handed to William Hackwood, who gave them form in relief. Hackwood, formerly an engraver of prints for the painted enamel trade at Wednesbury, had joined Wedgwood in 1769 and quickly became his chief modeller of bas-reliefs. In 1774 Wedgwood wrote: "Hackwood is of the greatest value and consequence in finishing fine small work. We want half-a-dozen more Hackwoods." He remained with the Wedgwood firm until 1832. Some of Hackwood's plaques equal in every way those designed and modelled for Wedgwood by more celebrated artists.

Lady Templetown's early designs were sent to Wedgwood in the form of cut-outs and her child subjects invariably so. The original of Domestic Employment, depicting a series of homely incidents in classical style, including a graceful woman with a distaff, was drawn late in 1783 and modelled by William Hackwood in the same year. After being used as a plaque, this design was divided into sections and, with Maria and Her Dog, was used to decorate an early morning tea-set (Fig. 5) of jasper in white on blue. The Sacrifice to Peace, one of the largest reliefs from Lady Templetown's designs,

was supplied by her as a drawing.

Another plaque, Maternal Affection, designed in 1783 and modelled by Hackwood in the same year, was so finely executed that Lady Templetown congratulated Josiah Wedgwood, who replied: "Your ladyship's approbation of our execution of the Tablet from your very beautiful design gives me a most sensible pleasure." Designs for cameos bought by Wedgwood in 1783 included Sportive Love (Fig. 2), The Young Seamstress and Young Girl Reading, all modelled by Hackwood. Various cupids, such as Cupid's Parade and Cupids at Play, were designed in 1784 and issued as

plaques two years later, at once achieving considerable popularity.

Among other designs made for Wedgwood by Lady Templetown were Charlotte at the Tomb of Werther, An Offering to Ceres, of which the model was made in December, 1787, and Friendship Consoling Affliction. Some of Lady Templetown's designs were catalogued in pairs, such as Contemplation and Companion, Genii and

Companion, Family School and Companion, Study and Companion.

Samuel Smiles, in his Life of Wedgwood, wrote: "Had Lady Templetown been a poorer woman she might have made a fortune by her wonderful gifts." After her husband's death, in 1785, she managed the extensive estate until the coming of age of her son, who was raised to the rank of viscount in 1806 and married Lady Mary Montagu, daughter of the fifth Earl of Sandwich. During her later years Lady Templetown spent a great deal of time in Italy and died at Rome in 1823.

Illustrations: 1, Victoria and Albert Museum; 2, 3, 4 and 5, Wedgwood Museum.



5.—EARLY MORNING TEA-SET IN JASPER: DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENT, DESIGNED BY LADY TEMPLETOWN AND MODELLED BY WILLIAM HACKWOOD IN 1783

EXPERIMENTS IN BEEF PRODUCT

By W. S. MANSFIELD, Director of the University Farm, Cambridge

N increased production of beef in this A country depends more upon an increased supply of store cattle than upon any other factor. There is no doubt that we could fatten annually a great many more cattle than we do if larger supplies of suitable stores were forthcoming. The complaint that store cattle are scarce and dear is constantly heard, but never that lack of keep makes it impossible to fatten all that are available. We have a very long way to go before such a complaint is ever likely to arise, for our pastures still tend to be understocked, even though the majority of them are not being farmed to produce nearly as much keep as they might, and in most cases they have a much higher potential than has ever yet been realised. Moreover we now have a large acreage of leys that will fatten cattle without the help of cake or corn. No longer do we speak of fattening pastures with bated breath, for it is coming to be realised that it is possible in most areas, on the stronger types of land, to establish leys which if properly managed will give results that compare very favourably with those obtained

upon how well they are reared. In the past all the emphasis has been upon breeding. It has always been argued—and the argument is still being repeated-that it is only beef-bred animals that are capable of being fed profitably and making good carcases of beef. To its breeding and to breeding alone have been ascribed all the undoubted merits of the beef-bred beast. But from the nature of the case all beef-bred calves are reared on a high plane of nutrition. They are reared in the ideal way, the way nature intended them to be reared, each suckling its

own mother for six or eight months.

How much of the merit of the beef-bred animal is due to this wonderful start that it gets, and how much is due to its breeding? Suppose beef-bred calves were reared in the way in which 99 per cent, of our dairy-bred calves are reared (on a very limited supply of new milk fed from a bucket over a period of eight or nine weeks), would they still retain the merits of their beef-breeding? Conversely, and much more important, suppose dairy-bred calves were reared in the liberal fashion common to beefin conformation and final beef carcase produced on various levels of feeding, and to assess the relative effect of breed and of level of nutri ion in beef production.

Three breeds of cattle are being used, H reford as representing the beef type, Dairy Shirthorn the dual purpose and Friesian the diry type. Eight spring-born calves of each of t ese three breeds are reared every year, half of t em on a high plane of nutrition (comparable to hat in which beef calves are normally reared in beefbreeding herds where each cow suckles its own calf) and the other half on a moderate p ane (typical of the way in which calves are commonly reared on most dairy farms). These treatments continue for eight months, whereupon the calves are again subdivided: half of those reared on the high plane (that is, two calves of each breed chosen at random) are transferred to a moderate plane while the remainder stay on a high plane. Similarly, half of the calves reared moderately up to eight months are put on a high plane and the other half remain on a moderate plane. There are thus four feeding





HEREFORD STEERS, BOTH 15 MONTHS OLD, AT THE UNIVERSITY FARM, CAMBRIDGE. The larger one was reared on a high plane of nutrition and the smaller one on a medium plane up to eight months of age, after which they were fed alike

from the fattening pastures of which we used to stand in such awe.

While all will agree that we could certainly

summer a great many more cattle than we do and even that we could grass fatten a great many more, there may be doubts as to our ability to carry an increased number through the winter. Yet thousands of tons of straw are either burned or ploughed into the land every autumn and hundreds of thousands of tons of sugar-beet tops are similarly dealt with. This is not food on which cattle can be fattened, perhaps, but it is all food which can supply much of what is required by store cattle. The winter fattening of cattle is a different matter. It was always expensive and has now become almost impossibly so; and unless a fantastically high value is placed on the resulting farmyard manure it is likely to be unprofitable. The efforts of the Ministry of Food to increase the production of winter beef are bound to fail, for they cannot possibly raise the price sufficiently to make it sound business. Moreover it is surely against the national interest to use our meagre supplies of cake and corn (which for the production of milk, bacon and eggs are essential) to fatten animals which can be fattened on grass and grass alone. The unique ability of the ruminant animal to turn grass into meat and fat is one that we should exploit to its uttermost.

Recognising that the supply of store cattle is the bottle-neck in beef production, the Government have wisely decided to encourage the rearing of calves for beef by the re-introduction of the calf subsidy. No doubt this will be as effective again as it was before in increasing the number of calves that are reared, but whether these additional calves can eventually be profitably fed into good beef depends largely

bred ones, would they acquire any of the merits of the beef-bred beasts, merits which hitherto have been regarded as due exclusively to breeding? A good deal depends upon the answer, for if it is only beef-bred calves that can profitably be used for making beef, then any increase in the production of beef will depend upon what additions we can make to the number of our beef-breeding cows; and if we are honest must admit that the prospects of our being able to do this on any great scale are remote. No doubt it should be possible to increase the breeding herds of beef cows kept on hill grazings where the land is poor and cheap (though the problem of wintering these cows at a sufficiently low cost still awaits solution), but on better land few farmers in these days, apart from a few bull breeders, are prepared to keep a cow for a whole year for the sake of one weaned calf, however

If the desired increase in store cattle supplies cannot be obtained from increased herds of beef cows, then they must be obtained, if they are to be obtained at all, from milk-producing herds, and the questions at once arise whether such calves, the by-product of the dairy industry, are at all suitable as raw material for the production of beef, how they can best be reared with this end in view, what treatment is the most profitable and how they compare with beefbred calves in respect of economy of conversion of food into meat.

It was to answer these and kindred questions that the beef production experiment at Cambridge University Farm was started in 1946. Essentially the experiment is designed to compare animals from milking herds (that is, dairy and dual-purpose breeds) with those of a beef breed in respect of rate of growth, changes

treatments: high plane during calfhood followed by high plane, high plane followed by moderate plane, moderate plane followed by high plane and moderate plane followed by moderate plane. After the initial calf-rearing period the high and moderate planes of nutrition apply only to winter feeding, as during the summer all the cattle are turned out together at grass, as they would be under all normal farm conditions.

All the cattle are weighed, measured and photographed against a squared background every two months, and finally carcase measure-ments and detailed observations are made on each animal at slaughter. In this way it is possible to trace not only the rate at which ϵ ch animal grows but also the way in which it grows, and to follow the changes in its con ormation and the developments of the var ous arts of the body at various stages of life and on different nutritional levels.

The results so far obtained have been nost informative and go far to answer some of the questions formulated. At the end of the alf period the calves which have been reared on the high plane weigh twice as much as those w have been reared on the moderate plane; m reover these latter calves, including the b efbred ones, assume what may be described as a dairy-type appearance, being distinctly light behind, with narrow hind quarters and light second thigh, as the accompanying photograp is, which give some indication of the important effect of nutrition on conformation, show.

The difference in size persists long after the initial calf period is over and in spite of the generous feeding received during their first winter by the moderate-high cattle they are then 1 cwt. lighter than the high-moderate

cattle. The value of a really good start in life for a calf intended for beef can hardly be overemphasised. It gives it a great advantage for the rest of its life, for not only does it affect the ultimate make and shape of the animal, but it hurries it through that period when as a small calf it can deal only with the less fibrous, more digestible and more concentrated types of food, and brings it much sooner to the time when it can make good use of those that are bulkier and cheaper. It costs less per cwt. to produce a two-year-old steer which has been well reared as a calf than one which has been poorly reared. The total sum of money spent in rearing a calf from birth to slaughter is of far less importance than the stage in the animal's life at which the money is spent. The time to be generous is in the early stages of the calf's life; later on one can afford to reduce expenditure considerably-in fact it is highly profitable to do so—without any detriment to the animal. If, say, it costs £30 to produce an eighteen-months-old steer, then the steer will be both bigger and of better conformaa if £18 of this sum is spent in the first eight with and £12 in the second ten months than if 10 is spent in the first period and £20 in the

second. It is by no means simply a question of the total sum spent; when it is spent is more important.

Generous initial rearing, even though it be followed by periods of very cheap winter feeding, will shorten the time during which the animal must be kept before it can be fattened exclusively on grass by about twelve months. Thus the moderate-moderate cattle do not go away fat off the grass until they are about threeand-a-half years old, whereas the high-moderates which, except for the difference in the way in which they were reared as calves, have been treated and fed in precisely the same way, get away at two-and-a-half years. Hence rearing calves on a high plane of nutrition much increases the rate of turnover.

But though it is clearly profitable to rear calves well, it is equally clear that it is unprofitable to continue treating them on such generous lines, for the high-high cattle, though they are sold fat as prime beef at two years old weighing 11 cwt. at a time when beef is at its highest price, have consumed altogether too much of the more expensive types of food for them to be profitable. Moreover the experiments have shown it to be unprofitable to attempt to make up for a poor start by generous feeding subsequently. The cattle which were poorly reared but well fed subsequently (moderate-high) do not reach the same weight as the group which were well reared and were afterwards fed on a meagre diet (high-moderate) until the end of their second winter, when they are two years old. To do this they eat a far greater quantity of cake and corn per cwt. live weight, and this, of course, is very costly. In fact, three cattle can be produced on the high-moderate system on the same amount of concentrated food that would be required to rear and finish two cattle reared moderately as calves and high afterwards.

The experiment clearly proves that the production of beef in this country can be enormously increased by using the large number of suitable bull calves born in our milk-producing herds, provided always that their early rearing is on a generous scale. Such beef is both acceptable to the consumer and profitable to the producer. A more complete account of the experiment will be found in a paper by Mr. A. J. Brookes in the 1950 issue of the Journal of the

Royal Agricultural Society.

OF A COUNTRY COOK **SECRETS**

SURGEON may as well attempt to make an incission with a pair of sheers or open a vein with an oyster knife, as me to get a dinner without proper tools to do wrote William Verrall, Master of the White t Inn, Lewes, Sussex, in his Complete System ookery, printed for the author and sold by in 1759.

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Far from being arrogant, as this remark in clies, William Verrall seems to have been a , simple, hospitable fellow, well liked by his tomers and not afraid to flatter his companions in the kitchen when this seemed the best way to obtain their loyal service. His skill in producing dishes as attractive in appearance as they were in flavour was well known among the country squires of the Lewes district, and his services were frequently in demand.

Nor did he fail to display a certain degree of modesty in presenting the secrets of his skill to the world. "To pretend to write for fame," to the world. "To pretend to write for fame," he declares, "would ill become a person in my sphere of life who am no more than what is vulgarly called a poor publican. T'would be an unparalleled piece of impudence and wholly incompatible to reason and the nature of things. T'will be sufficient for me that it meets with that approbation among my friends and acquaintances as may just satisfy me for the pains I have taken to collect these small matters together. He hoped particularly that his book would persuade people to prepare dishes that "please the eye as well as the taste of everybody," and that it would show some of the "notorious errors" by which "a great many favourite morsels are entirely spoiled" by bad cooking.

Before introducing the reader to his recipes for such unusual dishes as "Strawberries in Batter" and "Lettuce with Forcemeat" or "Poor Man's Sauce," he first tells at some length of the perils and problems awaiting those who may be called upon to cook in strange kitchens.

"I have been sent many and many a time to dinners for the best families" of the district. Will,' they say, 'I want you to dress me a

dinner today.

"'With all my heart, sir,' says I. 'And what would you please to have me get?'
"'O,' says the gentleman, 'I shall leave

that entirely to you, but I'll show you my larder and you'll be the better judge of how to make your bill of fare.'"

Having inspected his employer's larder, William Verrall would then forget for the moment this matter of food and devote all his energies to the highly important problem of tact in the kitchen. Then, as now, a tactful chef was worth his weight in best English beef. "My next step," he writes, "was to go and offer a great many compliments to the (gentleman's)

. . and as it was her Master's order that I should assist her, I hoped she would agree."

One "gentleman's cook—I'll say that for the girl," proved his equal in kitchen courtesies. By GARTH CHRISTIAN

"Sir," she said, "whatever my master and you shall order me to do shall be done as far and as well as I am able."

Unfortunately, this good mood did not last long. The cook, he writes, "as often happens on such occasions," grew somewhat vexed. The source of the trouble was this matter of "cooking apparatus," as he calls it. In reply to a request for stewpans and other utensils, she could produce only a solitary stewpan, "which is all I have."

"'Umph,' says I to myself, 'for this only frying pan was as black as my hat and with a handle long enough to obstruct the passage of half the kitchen.'"

He sent for his own "apparatus" from the White Hart in Lewes High Street, only to find that he had forgotten to ask for a sieve. The cook,

however, found one for him—"but such a One!"
"'This won't do,' says I. 'It's sandy.'"
The cook blazed with anger. "Rot ou Sue," says she, "the girl's been taking my sieve to sand her nasty, dirty hair." Then, as she banged the sieve down on the kitchen table and sulkily strode into the scullery, Verrall heard her say, "Hang these men cooks. They're so confounded nice. There was no more sand in that sieve that would lie upon a sixpence.'

He has more to say about the hearty appetites of his customers. Take, for instance, the tailor, the clerk and the journeyman perriwig-maker who requested dinner. A large, old-fashioned pewter dish of soup was soon emptied; a large shoulder of mutton and three fowls were eaten; then the men tackled turkey, only to finish with a "plumb pudding which, though no small one, disappeared in almost three minutes.'

Meantime the men began to quarrel about the nature of Verrall's delicious soup. One said it was made of beef and bacon, another argued that he had tasted in it the tails and ears of bullocks, a third insisted that the flavour was that of mutton. In fact, this soup was composed wholly of carrots, turnips, onions and herbs.

Clearly, William Verrall was not lacking in enterprise. He even admits making a pudding of "a few old macaroons that I had in my house perhaps twenty years." He soaked them well, put them into milk and flour, and seasoned them with onions and garlic. A customer com-plained that this macaroon pudding tasted of bad egg, but Verrall innocently denied that the

dish contained eggs.

Finally, he tells us in detail of the "apparatus" without which no man can expect to prepare a decent meal. A soup pot is needed, and eight small stewpans of different sizes; a neat, handy frying pan for omelette and pancakes is necessary; two large copper ladles, three copper spoons, a pewter colander, three or four sieves

and half a dozen copper cups are also essential.

There follows some sensible hints on simple

country cooking. The habit of boiling meat to rags "as is the common practise," he deplores, for it "hurts meat that thousands of families would leap mast high at."

He insists, too, that you can make no savoury dish without roots. Whole mountains of carrots and turnips and parsnips went into his soups and stews. "To make a broth, sprinkle a little salt now and then and take ten or twelve large onions, eight or ten whole carrots, three or four turnips, a parsnip, two or three leeks, a few cloves, a little bundle of celery and some whole white pepper." He adds that the French are far ahead of the English in using vegetables and the best French cooks will not pretend to do anything for the greatest gentlemen in the Kingdom unless they are allowed plenty of everything from the garden. "No good garden things, then no French cook."

He denies accusations of extravagance against the distinguished French chef D. St. Clouet-formerly cook to the Duke of Newcastle-who taught Verrall his trade. It is not true, he writes, that this well-read, cheerful prince among cooks once used the gravy from 22 partridges for sauce for a single brace.

Certainly, William Verrall, though beginning many recipes with the advice, "Take eight fresh eggs and poach them nicely . . ." could be most economical at times. Look, for example, at his recipe for Poor Man's Sauce: "Take a large spoonful of good sharp vinigar, just about as much water, some salt, plenty of shallot and parsley, squeeze in the juice of a lemon or orange or two, stir it well, and when your roast goes to table, send it up in a boat or cup." Here he utters a warning note. Be careful how you send it. One of his foremost aims in writing this book was to show in the best way "How every Dish is brought to table, and in what manner the meanest capacity shall never err in doing what his Bill of Fare contains."

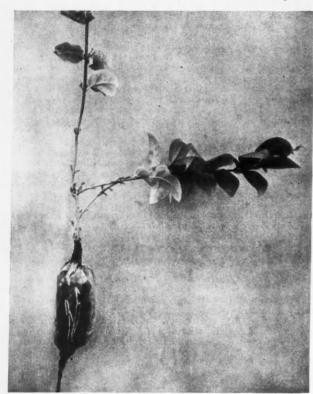
The book is pleasantly free from recipes for cooking our wild birds—other than waders and gamebirds, of course—though it was not unusual for 20,000 wheatears to be caught around Eastbourne each year.

He made much use of parsley, more of oranges—often for garnishing partridge—and fryd artichokes" he recommended with calves brains and a brown sauce. Strawberry fritters were best fried in a batter of two eggs, half a pint of cream, made thick with fine flour and a little fine sugar and nutmeg, while veal he liked with "a little minced green onion, parsley, pepper salt to which should be added a glass of champagne."

His gravy was famous—and not without on. To obtain a good flavour, he remarks, reason. "take three or four pound of veal, a slice of raw ham, some fat bacon, three onions, carrots, parsley . . . and if you can get it in winter, add a lettuce, a chicken or a duckling. . . ." No wonder he could not prepare a dinner "without the proper tools.

NEW GARDENING TECHNIQUES

By A. G. L. HELLYER





1.—AN AERIAL LAYER BEING MADE ON A CHOICE SHRUB. This photograph was taken three months after the operation had been initiated, and white roots can be seen growing in the damp sphagnum moss protected by polythene film. (Right) 2.—AN AIR LAYER OF MAHONIA AFTER BEING REMOVED FROM THE PARENT PLANT AND POTTED IN A NORMAL COMPOST

HE only complaint I have to make about the recent 13th International Horti-cultural Congress is that it was far too successful. So many scientists and technical experts attended it and gave so many excellent lectures that it was impossible for any one person to hear more than a quarter of what went To do even that meant rushing from one hall to another and being left at the end of the week in a state of mental indigestion. In consequence I intend to do no more than to

summarise a few of the items which appeared to me to be most novel or to be of the greatest

practical value to the gardener.

High on this list I would place the very original experiments in seed-sowing first carried out in America by Dr. Nisbet and now extensively repeated by Mr. Francis Hanger at Wisley, in Surrey. These appear to reverse every traditional tenet of the art, for the seeds are allowed neither ventilation nor drainage and the best results are obtained by growing them in

pure peat with neither sand nor any other form of grit to open it.

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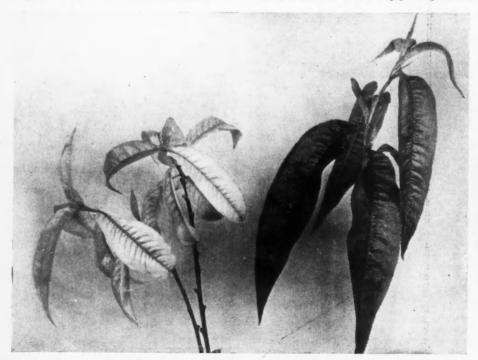
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The receptacles used are the colourless, transparent dishes sold for use in ordinary household refrigerators. They are provided with close-fitting plastic lids which are used to seal them once the seeds have been sown. These dishes are half filled with neat (Mr. Hanger has dishes are half filled with peat (Mr. Hanger has used vermiculite, chopped sphagnum moss and other media with good results, but he prefers granulated peat) which has been thoroughly moistened. The seeds are sown thinly on this Then the lids are placed in position and the dishes are left in a shaded frame or greenhouse until germination takes place. Usually no further watering is needed up to this stage, but if the watering is needed up to this stage, but if the peat does show signs of becoming dry t must be moistened again.

Mr. Hanger claims that for small seeds su as those of rhodoendrons, gloxinias, difficulty primulas and begonias this new method is for superior to conventional ones, giving quicks, better and more even germination. Moreover, it is entirely trouble-free as, once sown, t seeds can be almost forgotten until germinati Then the lids must be opened gradua and finally removed, after which the seedling must be transferred to normal compost a

receptacles. Another American technique which proved very successful at Wisley is that of a layering with polythene film. This may be brie summarised as making use of a damp wad sphagnum moss contained in a wrapping plastic film, which is pervious to gas but pra-tically impervious to moisture. In princip it is similar to the old-fashioned method which a flower-pot was carefully split in hal bound round the stem of a plant, and the filled with soil that was kept moist. Bu whereas the old method involved frequen watering, the plastic film, if properly applied an sealed at each end with insulation tape, will keep the sphagnum moss damp for months. Moreover, the wrappings are comparatively light and can be applied to quite thin stems without need for artificial support. A detail of some interest is that it has been found better



-PEACH LEAVES SUFFERING FROM CHLOROSIS DUE TO IRON DEFICIENCY (left) COMPARED WITH NORMAL LEAVES. This kind of yellowing can often be cured by spraying with a dilute solution of a suitable iron salt

to wound the stem at the point of layering by making a longitudinal slit in it rather than by making a ring round it. Root-forming hormone is dusted into the slit.

The originator of this method, Dr. Wyman, issued a warning that it was often difficult to get the severed rooted shoot to grow on properly, but Mr. Hanger had experienced no setbacks whatever, using a mixture of granulated peat and vermiculite in the first pots.

An immense amount of painstaking research concerning the behaviour of cuttings has been carried out in Holland and this was admirably summarised by Miss S. de Boer. Here again traditional methods were contradicted at several points, notably in her assertion that it is often unwise to remove the soft tips of shrub cuttings, as they root more rapidly and certainly when these tips are retained. It would be interesting to know whether this is due to a hormone contained in the soft growing parts of

Miss de Boer also had a great deal to say at the use of synthetic hormones to hasten rooting of cuttings. Here the interesting t was that the optimum concentration of none differed not only from one species to ther but also between varieties of the same Thus in a series of experiments carried on different varieties of broom there was a iderable range of variation in the most factory concentrations. Nor is there any hormone which can be regarded as the best all kinds of plant. At the Dutch Nursery re at Boskoop three chemicals have been (indolacetic acid, naphthylacetic acid and lbutyric acid), and each of these has proved e the best for certain plants. Miss de Boer ed that accurate data have now been

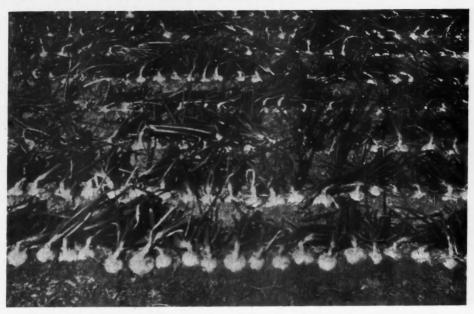
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ined for 300 plants.
Old-fashioned textbooks assert that plants take up the minerals they require th ough their roots. Any suggestion that these sa's might be absorbed through the stems or leaves was considered to be absurd. research has not only proved this to be incorrect, but even suggests that feeding through the aerial parts of plants may become an important garden technique. Professor Tukey pointed out that this might be so when trouble occurred through essential chemicals being locked up in the soil because of the presence of other chemicals. For example, it is well known that plants grown on chalk soils often have very yellow foliage because they lack iron, and that this is due not so much to lack of iron in the soil as to lack of it in a form in which it can be assimilated by plants. Under such conditions it is useless to apply dressings of iron salts to the soil because these also become locked up in unavailable forms. But if the plants are sprayed with a suitable solution of iron salts the iron is taken in through the leaves and the chlorotic condition is cured.

What is true of iron is also true of some other mineral deficiencies. An instance which



ONE OF DR. S. L. EMSWELLER'S PICTURES OF CHROMOSOMES WITHIN PLANT CELL. Alterations in the number of chromosomes per cell can be produced chemically and these, in turn, alter the external characteristics of the plant



-HYBRID ONIONS PRODUCED IN AMERICA FROM MALE-STERILE PLANTS FERTILISED BY NORMAL PLANTS OF ANOTHER VARIETY. The bulbs are not only heavier than those of either parent, but are more even in size and shape

may not be so familiar is the locking up of magnesium which may occur in the presence of considerable quantities of potash. A rather intriguing example of this was mentioned by Professor Wallace when he pointed out that the prize-winning bunches of grapes seen at shows often have the red-blotched foliage typical of magnesium deficiency. Presumably this is because the soil in which the vines have been grown has been treated liberally with potassic fertilisers to encourage the high fruit colour desirable for exhibition. The potassium has locked up any magnesium there may have been in the soil. One may also presume that occasional sprayings with an Epsom salts solution during growth would remedy the bad foliage

colour without injuring the good fruit colour.

A point which Professor Tukey emphasised was the speed with which foliage feeding will take effect. Results can often be seen within a few days of spraying, and this gives the grower the possibility of controlling much more accurately the day-by-day progress of his

The great work which has been done in America in the breeding of hybrid corn is well known and needs no emphasis. What is by no means so widely realised is the possible importance of hybrid vigour in the improvement of many other crops. Dr. Henry Jones described the important developments which are being made in the production of hybrid onions in the U.S.A. In some cases these are giving not only bulbs of far greater quality and uniformity than those obtained from true-breeding lines, but also much heavier crops. In one instance described by Dr. Jones the hybrid onion gave a crop 50 per cent. heavier than that of one of its parents and 30 per cent. heavier than that of the other parent.

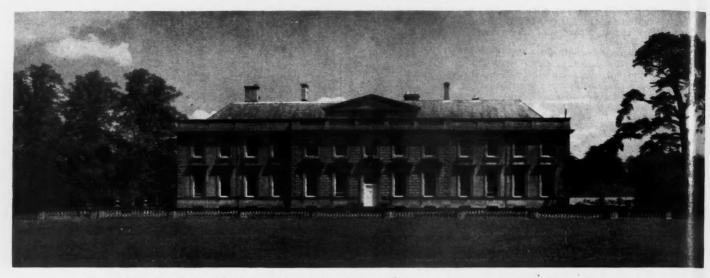
If hybrid vigour of this kind is to be main-

tained at its highest level, the crosses must be remade every year. This involves the mainte-nance of true breeding lines of each of the parents, one of which must be either unable to pollinate itself or must be prevented from doing so. This might present a serious difficulty in the case of a plant, such as the onion, which is normally self-fertilised, were it not that male sterile plants have been found and bred into all varieties which the American breeders have wanted to use as seed parents. It is of interest that in order to keep one strain of hybrid onions going three strains of parent plants must be maintained. One of these is the male parent of the hybrid, one is the female parent which is male sterile and therefore unable to reproduce itself, and the third is the maintenance line for this female parent. Obviously this seed is more costly to produce than that of a normal onion, but the increased value of the crop apparently makes it well worth while.

Dr. S. L. Emsweller was another American geneticist and plant breeder who had much of interest to say. He has become an expert in the use of colchicine to induce changes in the characteristic chromosome numbers of plant cells and has produced some strikingly beautiful plants by this comparatively new technique. Much of his work has been done with lilies, and he has found it possible to treat the bulb scales as well as the germinating seeds. But to the non-technical listener perhaps the most fascinating part of Dr. Emsweller's lecture was the practical illustration he gave of the behaviour of chromosomes by means of remarkable photographs. There are times, I fancy, when the layman tends to think of chromosomes as figments of the scientist's imagination, but here they were caught vividly by the camera in the very acts of dividing and segregating just as the scientists assert they do.

I hope that some of the officials who are responsible for our government planning of horticulture were present at Professor C. H. Edelman's lecture on soil surveys in Holland, for he was describing a matter of vital importance which has been given great consideration in the Netherlands and practically none in the British Isles. The purpose of these soil surveys is to relate soils to crops and thereby to get the maximum output with the minimum expendi-It is a policy which has produced tacular results in Holland. The success of the Dutch bulb industry is well known, but is it widely realised that this great output, which has made the Dutch the bulb-growers for the rest of the world, has been achieved on 6,000 acres which cannot be increased? Every acre of that land has been surveyed and so has every acre that might supplement it, but, in fact, no additional land suitable for high-class bulb produc-tion has yet been found. The extraordinary thing is that a great deal of land that lies close to the bulb fields and looks superficially similar is, in fact, sufficiently dissimilar to make it uneconomic for the purpose.

This is just one example of Dutch thoroughness in planning. The same kind of survey has been carried out for market garden crops, for orchards and so on, as a result of which no beginner need find out by bitter experience that the land he has acquired is unsuitable for the purpose for which he required it. No doubt the Dutch soil survey has been costly, but the cost has been more than repaid by the results achieved. Holland is a small country in which no acre of soil can be wasted or misused. But in a world economy which progresses steadily against us can we afford to waste or misuse acres? It is the opinion of many experts that we cannot, and that the sooner we follow the example of the Dutch in this matter the



1.—THE SOUTH-WEST FRONT: WEBB'S BUILDING (1654-55) FLANKED BY GEORGIAN ADDITIONS

LAMPORT HALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE—I

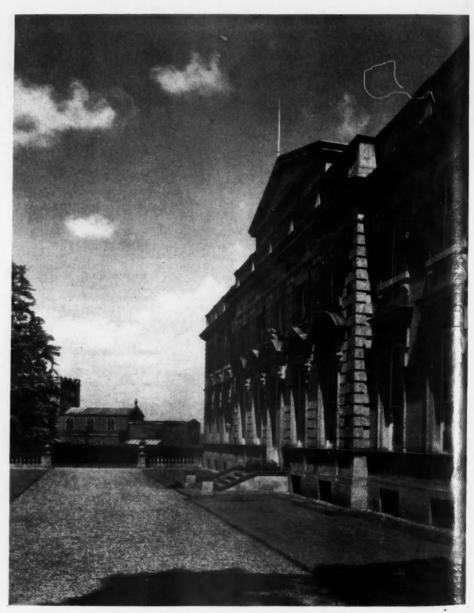
THE HOME OF SIR GYLES ISHAM, BT. - By ARTHUR OSWALD

The manor was acquired by John Isham, a wealthy merchant, in 1560. The house owes its present character largely to Sir Justinian Isham, the second baronet, who employed John Webb as his architect

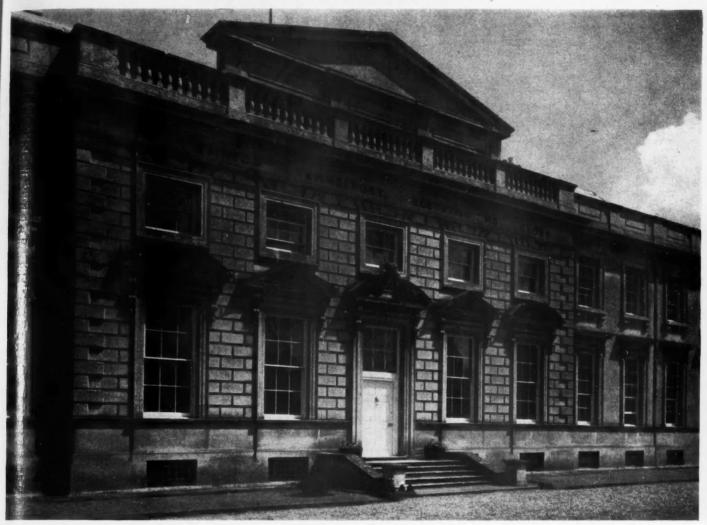
AMPORT lies almost midway between Northampton and Market Harborough, and to anyone going north along that high road the long classic front of the Ishams' house shows up on the right about two miles beyond Brixworth. It has become the front -thirteen windows long (Fig. 1)-though it was originally the side, or rather end, of a manor house which stood at right angles to it and faced north-west instead of south-west. At the distance at which it is seen from the road, across the park, the long façade might be taken to be a single composition, instead of comprising, as it does, a central block of the Commonwealth era, Georgian wings and an early 19th-century pediment. The central block is deservedly celebrated as one of the few authenticated works of John Webb that survive.

The ridge on which Lamport stands, over 450 feet high, commands an extensive view westward across the broad, green vale in which Cottesbrooke and Creaton lie secluded. It was, however, from the opposite direction, from the part of the county be-tween Kettering and Wellingborough, that the Ishams originally came. The village of Isham, from which they take their name, is some eight miles east of Lamport. earliest known member of the family, Roger, one of the first benefactors of St. Andrew's priory, Northampton, in the time of William the Conqueror, was son of one Azor, who held land in Isham in the time of Edward the Confessor. As the late Oswald Barron pointed out in Northamptonshire Families, it is probable that the family of Isham has dwelt longer in the county than any other mentioned in that volume.

At Pytchley, the adjoining parish to Isham, a cadet branch became established and continued until Charles I's reign. Pytchley Hall, the famous Elizabethan house which became the headquarters of the Pytchley Hunt, was built by Sir Euseby Isham, whose forbears had held lands in Pytchley for several generations. His grandparents, Euseby and Anne, had a family of twenty children. Of the five boys who came to manhood it was Gregory, the third son, who was the father of Sir Euseby; the fourth, John, was the ancestor of the Lamport family. Both brothers went up as boys to London, where they made their



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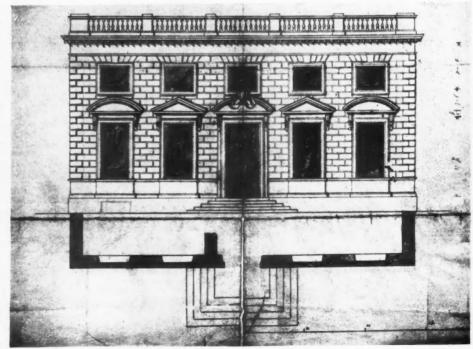
3.—THE BUILDING DESIGNED BY JOHN WEBB FOR SIR JUSTINIAN ISHAM. Henry Hakewill was responsible for the existing pediment dating from 1829

fortunes as merchants. John was three times Warden of the Mercers' Company and Governor of the Merchant Adventurers in Flanders. An unsigned portrait of him in the manner of Hans Eworth, painted on panel (Fig. 8), shows him in the prime of life, a grave merchant, prosperous but conscious of his mortality, for he rests his right hand on a skull (as some of us, to avert Nemesis, like to touch wood). Behind him can be seen part of his counter, on which two ledgers are laid; on the wall hangs a clock in a case of late Gothic design, evidently a prized possession.

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John Isham was thirty-four when he acquired the manor of Lamport. Its mediæval possessors were the Trussels, from whom in early Tudor times it passed by an heiress to the de Veres, Earls of Oxford. In May, 1559, John, Earl of Oxford, sold the manor and advowson to Sir William Cecil (the future Lord Burghley) and in the following January they were bought for £610 by John Isham. Cecil made a profit of £80 on the transaction. After twelve years, John Isham, "having," in his son's words, "gotten somm good store of substance with good credit & honest report," left the City and settled down at Lamport, where "he aplyed himself to plantinge, buildinge, making of pooles, includeing of grounds & all other woorks of good husbandry, as though he had been brought up in them from his infansy." The citymerchant-turned-country-squire lived until 1596, having served in 1581-2 as High Sheriff of the county. His son and successor, Thomas, had the misfortune to be blind. His affliction, however, did not debar him from leading an ctive life, from riding or from taking an interest in literature; indeed it was he who

began collecting books and bought many of those early editions of Elizabethan writers which made the Isham Library famous when they were discovered at Lamport in 1867, including the unique copy of the 1599 edition of Shakespeare's Venus and Adonis. Thomas was succeeded in 1605 by his son, John, who was made a knight in 1608 and a baronet in 1627. Though Royalist in his sympathies, he was allowed to remain at Lamport until his death, suffering, however, as he complained from "frequent quartering of Parliamentary



4.—WEBB'S SIGNED DRAWING OF THE MAIN ELEVATION OF HIS NEW BUILDING (1654)



5.—THE SOUTH-WEST FRONT IN 1761. A DRAWING BY JAMES BLACKEMORE



6.—BLACKEMORE'S DRAWING OF THE HOUSE AND CHURCH FROM THE NORTH (1761). The hall of the old manor house is seen to the left of the Georgian building

troops, my house standing on two great rodes." His son, Justinian, was later to be fined and imprisoned for his open advocacy of the King's cause.

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In the "Remembrances" of his family which Sir
John set down there is this passage about the house as
it was in his time:—

The greatest part of this Mannour house was Built by John Isham my grandfather in the yeare of our Lord 1568. And the Butterie with the Chamber over it and ye foresyde of ye Haull were built by my selfe in the yeares of our Lord 1610 and 1611.

The old manor house was a courtyard building with the hall on the side facing the village street. Portions remain in the cellars and embedded in internal walls, although most of it disappeared in alterations and reconstructions of 1821, 1842 and 1861. It is not known whether any of the mediaval house was kept. In 1741, when the south wing was being added to the Webb building, some "magnificent stones... designed for a pompous piece of building" were dug up, relics no doubt of the Trussels' house. That there was a house of some account even in early mediæval times can be inferred from the fact that King John was at Lamport on August 11, 1212, when he there issued letters patent of safe conduct to Llewellyn, Prince of Wales, to meet him at Chester.

The old manor house can be seen in the drawing

by James Blackemore (Fig. 6), one of a pair which he made in 1761 to be engraved. Then, as now again, the approach was from the village street, which runs eastward at right angles to the high road, and divides the church, on the north side of it, from the Hall and the park. The forecourt was flanked by ranges of stalles. The one on the left remains intact and almost una tered but for the disappearance of the dormer windows (Fig. 7); the western one with the cupola has been julled down. The surviving range is of two dates, the southern portion from the far side of the arch vay (where there is a straight joint) being the earlier. stables were built in 1680, though whether this late refers to the demolished range or the northern section of the surviving range or to both is uncertain. In the drawing the buttery with the chamber over it, acded by the first baronet, can be seen to the left of the threestoreyed gabled portion. The hall, which was entered through a porch with crow-stepped gable, had two large mullioned windows of four lights with square heads and transoms.

Sir Justinian Isham, the second baronet, succeeded his father in 1651. To him more than to any of his successors the house owes its present character, for not only is the part which he built a notable example of the new classic architecture of his age, but it has governed the design and proportions of the subsequent additions and alterations. Sir Justinian was a man of taste and learning, scholar and connoisseur, interested in the sciences as well as the arts, on friendly terms with many of the eminent and cultivated men of his time, and he became one of the earliest Fellows of the Royal Society. When he came into Lamport as a widower with four daughters, two subjects were uppermost in his mind-building and the choice of a new wife. His thoughts turned to Dorothy Osborne, eighteen years younger than himself, but she was already in love with Temple, and in her letters to him made fun of "the Emperor," as she nick-named her middle-aged suitor, whom she described as a "self-conceited learned coxcomb." No doubt, he seemed rather pompous to her and without a sense of humour; yet Temple, she remarked, liked him the best of all her "servants," and she was not too well pleased when Sir Justinian married a daughter of Lord Leigh of Stoneleigh—"the spiteful man merely to vex me." In one of her letters Dorothy alludes to "a vile house he has in Northampton-This was just at the time when its owner was considering plans for rebuilding or improving it.

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David Papillon, the architect and military engineer, was first consulted by Sir Justinian. He had fortified Northampton for the Parliament and was a neighbour, living in retirement on his estate at Lubbenham. He advised against adding to the old house and produced two schemes for a house on a new site. This was in 1652. Papillon's advice was not taken, and two years later Sir Justinian was in touch with John Webb.



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8. TOHN ISHAM (1525-96), FOUNDER OF HE LAMPORT FAMILY'S FORTUNES

architect's drawings have been preset ed and with them a series of letters which Webb wrote to his client. Nine of the e were printed by the late J. A. Gotch in the Journal of the Royal Institute of British hitects, September 24, 1921, together reproductions of some of the drawings. A ter th letter, coming second in the sequence, has e been discovered by Sir Gyles Isham. In considering the drawings Mr. Gotch wrote: "They are in fact of great interest, for they came direct from Webb's hand, they bear his signature and they are made alive through the explanatory letters which he sent with them. Beyond the light they throw upon Webb himself, they show how an architect carried out his work in those days, and how he made himself responsible not only for the general design, but for the details of the mouldings as well. Instructions were sent through the client and not direct to the workmen, which was the less risky in this case inasmuch as Sir Justinian was a man of knowledge and intelligence." Seven of the letters are dated between June 19, 1654, and May 31, 1655. Then Sir Justinian was arrested and kept a prisoner at St. James's Palace until the autumn, and so work was delayed. The last three letters, chiefly about gates and a design for a mausoleum to be attached to the chancel of the church, belong to the year 1657

Webb's commission was to build a new block, a corps de logis, to use Papillon's term, attached to the south-west side of the old house. There were evidently two conditions: that it was to be in the full Italian manner introduced by Webb's master, Inigo Jones, and that it was to contain at least one grand reception room. (Papillon had remarked that the old house had only one room in which "des personnes d'honneur" could be entertained) Webb's design was for a rectangular building with the façade of a miniature Italian palace, two storeys high, rusticated and surmounted by a cornice and balustrade (Fig. 4). His suggestion for a portico was not adopted. Comparison with Fig. 3 shows how closely the drawing of the elevation was followed in execution.

With Sir Justinian's arrest in June, 1655, Webb's letters cease, but there is another series written by the foreman in charge of the work to his master in London, reporting progress and asking for instructions. The foreman or "overseer" was Thomas Sargen-

son (to use his own spelling), of Coventry. There are also some letters from the mason, Another mason was Robert John Greene. Grumball (or Grumbold), later to be responsible for much work in Cambridge. The fine free-stone used both in the Webb building and the Georgian additions was Weldon. The cartouche with the Isham arms over the doorway was the work of Pierre Benier ("Peter Banier," as he signed himself), a Frenchman, whom Charles I in 1643 appointed Keeper of 'all moulds statues and models." Webb had tried, unsuccessfully, to dissuade Sir Justinian from employing French workmen, who, he thought, discouraged our own men.

By the first week in October, when Sir Justinian was released, the balustrade above the cornice was in position and the roof was being covered. In July Sargenson had been over to Thorpe Hall ("my Lord Snt Johns howse"), then building from the designs, as Mr. Howard Colvin has recently discovered, of Peter Mills, to see the lead roof there and the method of conveying away the rainwater. At Lamport the original flat roof platform still exists beneath the later roof raised over it. Webb's drawing shows no pediment, but in his letter of October 4 Sargenson refers to "the doore and dormant of ston coming out uppon the leads", of a height of 4 feet, and a small pediment or dormer is shown in a drawing of the Webb front before the additions to were made. The pediment shown in Blackemore's drawing (Fig. 5) dates from the time when the wings were added. It was replaced in 1829 by the present pediment (Fig. 3), designed by Henry Hakewill. If this appears rather irrelevant perched above the balustrade, it is at least on a scale large enough for the length of the façade, while it emphasises the centre block by over-lining it, as it were. The motto carved in the frieze was added in the 19th century.

There will be more to say of Webb's work and his relations with his client when the interior is illustrated next week. The letters disclose, incidentally, the names of other houses on which Webb was engaged at the time: Belvoir Castle, Chevening (for Lord Dacre) and Drayton (for the Earl of Peterborough). At Drayton there is a chimney-piece by Webb for which the original drawing in the Burlington-Devonshire Collection exists. The letters of the year 1657 contain



9.—SIR JUSTINIAN ISHAM, 2nd BARONET (1611-75), BY JOHN BAPTIST GASPARS

references to the gate piers "next the garden." These no longer exist, but Webb's drawing of them has been preserved. At the end of the grass walk running southward from the house there is a pair of gate piers with fine wroughtion gates separating the garden from the park (Fig. 10). These, however, date from 1700. The gates, according to family tradition, were the work of the local blacksmith.

The north and south wings, respectively dated 1732 and 1741 on the rainwater heads, were designed by Francis Smith of Warwick, but he died before the south wing had been built and its erection was supervised by his son, William Smith. The two doorways in the flanking walls to left and right shown in Blackemore's drawing (Fig. 5) date from the same time. When the north-west front was rebuilt from designs by William Burn in 1861, a new entrance with a porch was made at the end of the 1732 block. Burn also designed a parterre for the south-west front and the stone balustrade with which it is enclosed (Fig. 2).

Fig. 9 is the copyright of Sir Gyles Isham, Bt.

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progress and asking for instructions. The foreman or "overseer" was Thomas Sargen10.—GATE PIERS AND WROUGHT-IRON GATES BETWEEN GARDEN AND PARK (1700)

THE HALL-MARK ON GOLD

By W. J. WESTON, Barrister-at-Law

HE hall is the Guildhall of the Goldsmiths' Company. The mark is the symbol imposed upon an article of gold ware by the company's assayer or by an assayer in the Government Assay Offices. It says: "Know all men by this mark that this piece of ware is wrought of gold having the specified fineness Of its 24 parts, the divers marks assure you, 22 or 18 or 14 or 9 are fine gold. To sell or to expose for sale any "manufacture of gold' without the certifying symbol is an offence attended by penalty.

Early statutes, one dating from as far back as Edward I, evidence the concern of Parliament over the purity of gold ware. These were ineffectual and, in the reign of Elizabeth I, Parliament passed "An Act for reformation of abuses in goldsmiths." It enacted that no goldsmith should work or sell goldsmiths' wares of gold less in fineness than of 22 carats. Nor was any ware to be exposed for sale before the goldsmith has set his own mark to so much thereof as conveniently may bear the same; upon pain to forfeit the value of the thing so

exchanged.

The certifying of gold ware did not always protect the public. Justitia virtutum regina is the motto of the Goldsmiths' Company; but not all the early members conformed to it, and the preamble to the Plate (Offences) Act, 1738, en reciting this Act of Elizabeth and of earlier monarchs, sadly acknowledges: "Notwithstanding the aforesaid several Acts of Parliament, great frauds are daily committed in the manufacturing of gold and silver wares for want of sufficient power to prevent the same.'
The Act prescribed its own mark, a lion pas sant, in addition to the maker's mark; and, till 1798, this lion passant was the only mark to denote gold fineness.

The Gold Plate (Standard) Act, 1798, made lawful a manufacture of gold of the standard of 18 carats. To distinguish this newly authorised standard from the one standard lawful before the device prescribed was a crown and the figures 18. Since 1844, however, the 22-carat standard, too, has been certified by a crown and figures. On Sheffield plate, since the crown is the town mark, a Yorkshire rose replaces the crown; in Edinburgh, a thistle; in Glasgow, a

lion rampant.

In 1854 the Gold and Silver Wares Act enabled Her Majesty in Council to sanction the making of gold ware of any standard of fineness not less than 8. Special figuring denotes the fineness. As a result of the Acts and subsequent Orders, the authorised degrees of fineness are now 22, 18, 14, 9; and, if one is curious to pursue this subject of hall-marks, a book, English Goldsmiths and Their Marks, on which Sir C. J. Jackson spent 17 years, will tell one all about them.

The law relating to hall-marks is-select committees in 1856 and 1879 both agreeduncertain by reason of the number of statutes in which it is embodied. Consolidation should. the committees concluded, come without delay; but 73 years have passed and nothing has been

done about it.

Meanwhile, even the experts themselves are not sure about some points, as the following comments in the Court of Appeal show task of the Judge would have been made lighter if those who conduct the affairs of the assayer had gone more fully into the matter. experts did not understand the meaning of the standard of fineness laid down in an Order in Council in 1854; they could not explain the '9 carats of fine gold in every pound weight trov.' They said that a carat was not a weight but a proportion, and that there was no such thing as a pound weight troy." However, the uncertainty of the experts was a stimulating challenge not to be declined; judges and counsel alike embarked upon research, fruitful research, too; and we now know what matters.

The comments and the research were prompted by the evidence in a curious case first heard in 1950 at Manchester and by the Court of Appeal in July, 1952. Westwood v. Cann is the case, and the title of the plaintiff is "The Assayer of the Guardians of the Standard of Wrought Plate in Birmingham." Under the Gold Plate (Standard) Act, 1798, he sued a jeweller for penalties. (As the Common Informer, we may note in passing, has now ceased to ply his lucrative self-appointed calling, the official guardians of the standard must needs bustle.

The jeweller had exposed for sale what were described as "Solid gold engraved and faceted wedding-rings." Some were up to the 9-carat standard; but none bore a hall-ma k; and a penalty of £50 was imposed in respec of each of the rings, 27 in all.

To be lawful every "manufacture of go i" made must be of one of the authorised st ndards; it must contain at least 22 carats, 18 carats, 14 carats, or 9 carats of fine gold. Wen the ware is made it must be taken to an As ay Office for testing and marking, and the assa er takes 4 grains for testing and another 4 for his trouble

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If it is up to standard it is marked with he appropriate mark, a leopard's head for the London Office, an anchor for the Birmingham Office: the crown and 22 upon the 22-carat ware, the crown and 18 upon the 18-carat ware figures upon the 14-carat and 9-carat ware. If it is below standard the article, cut and battered, is returned defaced to the maker. This is so whatever amount of cunning craftsmanship gone into the fashioning of the ware whether or not the work is more to be prized than the material. And, before imported articles of gold are sold, they, too, must be assayed and marked.

This word carat is the Arabic kirat: it is the weight of the bean of the carob tree (about four of our own corn grains). Carat still continues a weight, dwindled, though, to 31 grains, in respect of diamonds. Some centuries ago it signified a much greater weight: it was one twenty-fourth of a pound troy, 10 pennyweights or half an ounce, that is. The phrase in the 1854 Order in Council over which the experts tripped the phrase "9 carats of fine gold in every pound weight troy", meant 90 out of 240 penny-weights; and that, too, is 9 out of 24. So far as gold fineness is concerned, carat is now used in the sense of proportion: 9-carat gold is such as contains 9 parts of fine gold out of 24.

When the consolidating Act does come, it will remove doubts concerning rolled gold. It appears that the Assay Offices do not regard rolled gold as a "manufacture of gold." If they did, every shopkeeper dealing in the cheaper kinds of jewellery would be liable to penalties; for no assayer's stamp is upon rolled gold ware. Even 9-carat gold can become so thin a film that the amount of gold in the finished article is to all intents and purposes negligible. Yet the

Acts make it unlawful.

THE DONKEY MAN 0 By STELLA COSWAY

EGULARLY each year down our lane R with its "No Through Road" notice comes the old donkey man—a small, bent figure, with a battered trilby rammed down on his ears and-whatever the weathera tattered overcoat reaching almost to his heels. One imagines he grows his clothes, as he does his straggly hair and three-day stubble, for they are always identical and at the same stage of disintegration, after all the years he has been

visiting us

His little caravanserai consists of an ancient cob, drawing an open cart piled high with a lop-sided clutter of odds and ends, a little fourwheeled trap hitched on to the back of the cart, the shaggiest and most diminutive pony imaginable, and half a dozen or so donkeys; tubby, ungroomed creatures compared to their seaside brethren, with their highly polished hoofs and shining brass forehead plates, proclaiming them Daisy or Joey. They appear, however, to be in excellent fettle, as their labours of the following day prove. Many a tousled little head has popped out of cottage dormers as the old man wound his way through the village. Everyone knows where he is heading for; also that no amount of importuning will induce him to "open up" before the morning.

Arrived at the large triangle of grass, surmounted by a lofty lime tree, not far past our cottage, he partly unloads the cart, throws a tarpaulin over it, and beds down beneath, his beasts tethered round him.

Early next morning he comes to us for water-always enquiring if we have any "little

people" staying, a free pony or donkey ride being offered, if so. There is so much we would like to know about the old fellow, but he just will not be drawn. Even as to where or how far he has come or is going, he will vouchsafe only such remarks as: "A fairish mile, lady," or From over yonder." such remarks as:

Soon after breakfast the mothers with the small children begin to appear. The little blue trap with yellow wheels and jingly bells, drawn by the tiny pony, passes and repasses our windows innumerable times, to the accompaniment of delighted chuckles, or an occasional frightened cry of the younger children and the re-assuring voices of their mothers, as they break away from their gossip to trot alongside the pony trap.

The pace slackens towards noon, as dinners have to be thought of. Some of the children, however, manage a breathless visit before returning to school, just to say "Hello" to the old man, and to see if their favourite donkey has turned up again.

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MIST MERES

SADLY, above the meadow's scented sleep, The little meres of mist begin to creep, Swirling and merging, growing dank and deep. Cloud-lost and lone the shrouded willows weep. And so the hushed and hidden evenings pass, And summer ends as gently as a leaf Parts from the tree and dies upon the grass.

EGAN MACKINLAY.

The afternoon trade is still mainly pont rides and drives. About 5 p.m. the tempo quickens as, tea scamped, the schoolchildren come pushing and jostling for turns on the donkeys. From the lime tree to the whitepainted field gate at the far end of the lane and back twice is sixpence. The amount of mon y that changes hands must be considerable.

Later in the evening the "tough gu arrive-the lads not long left school. racing proper begins, to the dismay of the reof us-donkeys included. The air is rent wi raucous laughter, youthful shouts and u melodious whistles and cat-calls. The donke tired now, and resenting the "rough stuff," f back on their native obstinacy by way of p The old man, careful of his beasts, mindful also of future customers, announce that neither he nor anyone else can get them budge once they have struck, and calls it a day. The lads fall to horse-play among the selves for a little and then slope away.

Shadowy figures looming grotesquely in t gathering dusk-a leap of flame as the old man prepares his supper—an occasional bra, striking harshly on the unaccustomed earintroduce a touch of the macabre, oddly at variance with the simple nature of the day's events-Rembrandtesque overtones on a Con-

stable canvas.

Dawn has hardly broken next morning when the crunch of wheels on gravel and the clatter of small hoofs tell us that another twelve months of unbroken tranquillity lie

TRIAL TIMBER HOUSES

By H. DALTON CLIFFORD

ESSRS. W. H. COLT, who have done much to revive interest in timber houses in this country, have built a pair of experimental cottages at Pluckley, Kent, in consultation with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. These cottages are of particular interest as being the first English-built timber houses suitable for Local Authority housing schemes. It is claimed that, provided they are kept the required distance from the boundaries of any adjoining land or premises, they comply with the byelaws for rural housing throughout the country.

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The plans are based on a 4 ft. 1½ ins. square grid (a dimension chosen to suit the standard width of wall boards), and, though the houses are not prefabricated in the full sense of the word, they are constructed of standardised factory-made units which are assembled within a framework of ready-cut posts, beams and trusses. The units are built up of small-section timbers and elaborately cross-braced, partly to give added resistance to distortion during transport to the site, and partly to stiffen the finished structure. Each unit can be carried easily by two men. In order to keep within the limits of the

pre ent softwood allowance of 1.6 standards per 1,000 square feet of floor area, imported har woods have been used extensively, both in the structure and in the cladding. The external was are clothed with Meranti, a Malayan wood with an attractive grain, in narrow V-jointed boards, with vertical cover strips at the joints between units.

The mansard roof is covered with concrete plan tiles of a vivid crimson colour which one hones will not take long to weather. Cedar shingles will be used in districts where they are approved by the authorities. The party wall, the base wall and, of course, the chimney-stacks, are of brick. The building as a whole gives an impression of solidity and permanence, and the insulation value of the external wall is claimed to be equivalent to that of a brick wall 2 ft. thick.

The erection procedure is as follows: the purchaser employs a local contractor to prepare the site, bring in the water supply, set out the house, excavate for and pour concrete foundations and floor slab in accordance with the detailed drawings provided, lay damp-courses, erect chimneys and form any paths or drives. At this stage the house is delivered, the external shell quickly erected and the roof tiled to give shelter for subsequent' operations.



A PAIR OF EXPERIMENTAL TIMBER COTTAGES AT PLUCKLEY, IN KENT

Aluminium gutters and down-pipes are delivered with the house, but the local contractor must dig soakaways for surface drains, lay soil drains with the necessary manholes, etc., and make connections to sewer or septic tank; also supply and fix all sanitary fittings, plumbing, hot-water installation and electric wiring, glaze all windows (which are standard steel casements), fix all internal wall and ceiling linings and cover strips, erect stairs, supply and lay ground floor finish (of hardwood, thermoplastic tiles, linoleum or bitumastic as may be selected), fix skirtings, hang doors and decorate. Messrs. Colt are reticent concerning the

Messrs. Colt are reticent concerning the cost of the cottages. All they are prepared to say at this stage is that on a basis of orders for ten houses (and they are not prepared to accept orders for fewer) the cost may work out in the region of £2,800 a pair, erected complete. About half of this cost is for the timber houses,

and half for the builders' work on the site. Naturally, the cost of the site work depends on a number of variable factors, such as the amount of levelling, length of drains and services, the type of floor finish chosen, and the number of houses to be built on one site. They are planning for an eventual output of about 20 houses a week. It is estimated that a pair of cottages could be erected in five to six weeks by ten men.

It must be emphasised that the trial pair of cottages was conceived nearly two years ago and has been born after a period of labour so protracted (owing to the close co-operation that was necessary with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Works and later with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government) that its plan is already obsolete; for it is in accordance with the space standards for rural housing laid down in the Housing Manual, 1949. Revised plans have now been drawn up on the lines of the People's Houses, which have the same minimum room sizes but reduced circulation space, and this will naturally result in a lower cost.

The accommodation of each of the cottages consists of a living-room and scullery on the ground floor and two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. There is a one-storey annexe containing a wash-house, store, w.c., larder and fuel store. Certain deviations from the original plan have been made in the show house to suit a future tenant. The scullery has been turned into a dining-room, and the cooker has been placed in the wash-house instead of in the liv-ing-room; as a result anyone wishing to pass from the kitchen to the hall and staircase has to use both the living-room and the dining-room as a passage. The bathroom has been replanned so that it can be entered only by squeezing through a very narrow gap between the door and the basin. A more serious criticism is that the cupboards which have been built-in upstairs to disguise the sloping external walls, though they appear very capacious on plan, are actually of negligible depth at the top and only coat-hanger width about three feet from the floor. The interior decoration of the show house by Heal's is excellent. Clever use has been made of patterned wallpapers to increase the apparent size of the tiny rooms.

It would be a fair summing-up to say that this pair of cottages must be regarded as no more than a prototype in an early stage of development. Its chief interest lies in its demonstration of the potentialities—and difficulties—of building with standardised factorymade timber units.



THE LIVING-ROOM OF ONE OF THE COTTAGES

THE IMPORTANCE OF MECHANISATION

As farm wages rise farmers have a constant nagging reminder of the need for making the utmost use of every pair of hands they employ. The horse has fast been disappearing from English farms because of the high cost of the man hours involved in horse labour. The man sitting on a tractor can cover so much more ground than the man walking behind a pair of horses. Accordingly we see the number of agricultural horses declining at the rate of 50,000 a year and the number of agricultural tractors increasing by about 13,000 a year, excluding the smaller types used mainly in horticulture.

This is not a peculiar experience. A more sensational revolution in farm work has been going on in the United States in the last ten to fifteen years. The mechanisation of farm work has been even more rapid there, accompanied by

By ANTHONY HURD

The same is happening in England. There was a break in the weather this spring and some barley was not sown until mid-April. Yet with cultivations done thoroughly by tractor power and the full use of fertilisers, by combine seed and fertiliser drills, these late-sown crops had by mid-July caught up with the season and promised exceptionally well. Farmers could not have got through the necessary work at the appropriate time unless they had tractors and equipment designed for tractor use. We have every reason in Britain to be proud of the progress we are making in arable cropping. It is true that the plough drawn by a tractor, out of sight of the driver, does not always make the perfect job, up to ploughing match standards, that our fathers expected. But the extra

regard to the complicated series of opera ions which they perform. A good proportion, rot ship half now, of the grain grown in England and Wales is dealt with by combine harvesters. Binders, which have been tried friends for 1 any years, deal with the rest, and we have 11,000 of them, slightly fewer than two years ago. For many years binders will still be used, especially on the smaller farms where corn is grown miniply for stock-feeding. It is convenient to put the oats into rick and have the straw and train freshly threshed for feeding in the winter. Then most of us need some wheat straw for thate ing, and there is not a combine harvester yet which yields straw fit for this purpose. I do not look for any revolutionary developments in harvesting machinery during the next few years. We could do with more combines of handy size for dealing with the smaller fields, and if the price

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"THE COMBINE HARVESTER HAS GREATLY EASED THE LABOUR BURDEN AT THE PEAK PERIOD FOR THE ARABLE FARMER"

a very sharp reduction in the number of horses and mules, releasing millions of acres for the production of food and fibre, such as cotton. I take the opinion of Mr. A. N. Duckham, who tells us in American Agriculture (Stationery Office, 2s. 6d.) that although at first sight mechanisation might encourage some skimping of work, in practice it has been a major factor in the rapid increase in yields per acre of American crops, particularly in the northern half of the country. Spring arrives suddenly and winter descends with an almost equal abruptness. This means, particularly at seed time, and in large parts of the country at harvest time also, that speed is the essence of successful crop production. The rapidity with which spring grains and maize can now be drilled with mechanised equipment will more than make up for a spring which is a month late in coming. It would have been impossible "to catch up" with horses.

cultivating power that can be applied at the right moment more than makes up for the rougher standard of ploughing that is tolerated to-day. On the whole I think we do our cultivations rather better than the Americans. They have an over-riding love of mechanical things and a great desire to make work as easy and comfortable as possible. I formed the impression in the United States and Canada that this feeling counts for more than pride in a perfectly done job. Yet the Americans get results, and so do we now that our farming is so generally mechanised.

We are always wanting better machines that will cut out more onerous hand labour. The combine harvester has greatly eased the labour burden at the peak season for the arable farmer. We now have at least 17,000 combine harvesters in England and Wales, an increase of 6,000 in the last two years; and it is generally agreed that combine harvesters do a good job. They are not foolproof and never will be, having

can come down this will be a boon to many farmers, who could, with their neighbours, nevest in a combine harvester to deal with some of their corn.

More urgently we need economical facilities for drying and storing threshed grain. Here is a great source of waste on many farms. Altogether in England and Wales we have about 15,000 grain-driers on farms, many of them of the ventilated silo type which offers convenient ratproof storage for grain coming off the combine harvesters. There are many more power-operated winnowers and cleaners, totalling close on 9,000 now, and certainly such equipment should be regarded as an essential complement to the combine harvester. Many of us rely on corn merchants to take and market our grain immediately at harvest. In a dry harvest, when the moisture content of the grain is low, the risks are small, but our climate has a way of giving more rain than we want in August and

September. In catchy seasons it is physically impossible for the grain merchants to move to central driers and corn stores all that farmers want to send away immediately. If farmers can winnow and clean some of their barley and other grain, this allows a little latitude. It is usually the green immature corns and weed seeds that make barley heat in the bags. Winnowing reduces the risk of spoiling and allows the grain to be kept for a week or two while the merchant is finding an outlet with one of the mills, or, if the quality of the barley is good, with one of the maltsters. It hardly seems practicable to urge that every farmer who has a combine harvester should have his own drying plant. No doubt this is the ideal, but many of us just have not the labour to spare for this additional operation at harvest time, and it can be done more economically in a large-scale plant. It must, however, be the farmer's responsibility to get his grain away in sound order and here the power-driven winnower will reduce the risk of heating before it is cleared from the farm or i

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At Silsoe, in Bedfordshire, the National ute of Agricultural Engineering has been ing on simple equipment to clean combined WOL by blowing out short straw, weed stems, en leaves and large weed heads. The use of piration as the main method of separating air ot only the advantage of few moving parts no oscillating members which require cing, but also provides an economical hal s of conveying chaff, seeds and dust to the me de of the building. The machine designed e N.I.A.E. workshops comprises a rectangupirating chamber 36 inches wide, connected e to the intake of a small motor-driven fan; ower end of the aspirating chamber terminat's in the clean grain outlet ports. Dirty grain is introduced into an upward moving airs ream by a feed roller. This simple machine behaved well last season. In a typical case dealing with 93 tons of damp wheat, the first cleaning removed straw chaff, weed seeds, leaf and light immature grain to the extent of 1.58 per cent. In dealing with damp barley over 3 per cent. was eliminated as light barley. When the same equipment is used to deal with dry corn, most of the immature grains shrivelled in the drying process can be removed. If this equipment can be marketed at a low price, it will be useful to many farmers.

On the cropping side of farming one of the great advances in recent years has been the development of chemical weed-killers and the wider use of insecticides and fungicides. This would have been impossible with horse-drawn equipment. Today many larger farmers have their own low-pressure spray equipment for weedkilling, and many thousands of acres of corn are treated each summer to destroy charlock and other weeds that compete with crops. This spraying is fairly expensive: even when the farmer does it himself, the cost must be about 30s. an acre, and when a contractor is employed who uses his own equipment and labour the cost runs up to 50s. an acre or more for small acreages. In the next year or two we shall no doubt see more farmers owning their own spraying equipment and applying this technique to

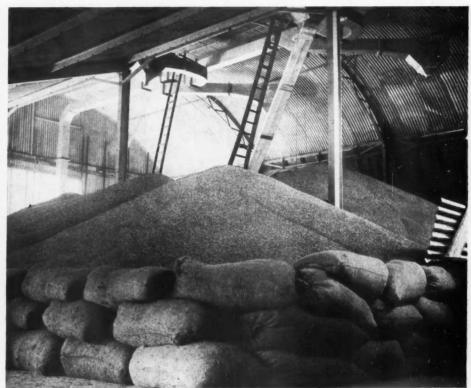
grassland as well as arable crops. Thistles, nettles, buttercups and other weeds can much reduce the output of useful herbage from pasture, and as we learn more about grassland management for higher output chemical weed-killers will undoubtedly play as important a part as the proper use of fertilisers. It is not much use applying the fertilisers if a large proportion of the plants in a pasture are worthless. Nothing is gained by stimulating the growth of nettles and thistles. If they can be eliminated, then fertilisers will give a better return in what the farmer wants, namely the grass and clover that his livestock can profitably graze. In most districts there are now firms of contractors, often in quite a small way of business, who undertake this spraying for farmers, and as the choice of the weed-killer to used and the appropriate strength calls for technical experience, it is probably economical for the majority of farmers to rely on them. The idea of having one's own machine to be able do the job just at the right moment is, of course, attractive. But it is easy to accumulate

too much dead stock on the farm for which the use is very limited.

On the dairying side of farming mechanisation is also making its mark. The total number of milking machines in England and Wales is now over 80,000 compared with 70,000 two years ago. About 33,000 of these machines are of the bucket type with one or two units. That is to say, they are being used on medium-sized farms. The increase in mechanised milking is due, not to the belief that the machine makes a better job than the hand milker, but rather to the high cost of employing a full team of hand milkers, even if they were available. Today a milker, like every other farm worker, expects to have at least one clear day in the week to himself, and if there is no machine to speed up the work, milking is unduly prolonged when one man is away and there is no reserve. The effect of the statutory fortnight's holiday which came into effect this year must be to make more farmers turn to milking-machines. The modern machine does a good job and, while it is inevi-tably complicated and requires careful cleansing to keep the bacterial count right in the summer it is certainly a boon to many farmers who could not to-day face milk production without it.

the year the ground is either dry or frozen; this enables the job to be done immediately without a second handling. Manure is, of course, spread mechanically on the land by the type of machine that we have come to appreciate in this country as a great labour-saver. It is the common custom there for neighbours to join together in operating muck-loading and spreading equipment. For a couple of days farmer A will come to farmer B's place to help him with the job of clearing out his pens and then the following week perhaps both of them will put hemselves and their equipment to work on farmer C's place. We could with advantage in this country practise more of such informal co-operation, which no doubt springs from the day, not so long distant in the New World, when there were very few men and very few machines, and each pioneer had to rely on his neighbours.

Is there need for closer consultation between the manufacturers of agricultural machinery and farmers and farm workers to point the lines of development that should be given priority in meeting agriculture's machinery requirements? There is not any one channel to-day. The National Institute of Agricultural Engineering, which is a Government organisa-



GRAIN, DRIED AND STORED, WAITING FOR MARKET OPPORTUNITY WHEN THE RUSH OF IMMEDIATE HARVEST SALES IS PAST

We have not vet devised any satisfactory way of handling manure, solid and liquid, from the cowshed. There is equipment of various kinds, but we have not tackled this job, which is laborious and costly, with anything like the success achieved in North America. Our main handicap is the out-of-date design of our cowsheds and other buildings. Across the Atlantic the buildings are not erected to last for genera-The sheds are labour-saving, better lighted and more comfortable than most farm buildings here. These advantages, and the determination to save time and avoid unpleasant chores such as mucking out, enable the work about the buildings to be done more speedily and with a greater swing than is usual here. Nearly all American dairy farms have electricity, and it is applied to muck-shifting from the cowshed. It is common practice to keep the cowshed floor dry by dusting with superphosphate or lime, which, by absorbing the urine, allows the concrete floors to be brushed down instead of its being constantly swilled, and the sweepings and the cows' droppings are taken direct to a trailer standing outside the barn for transport to the fields. Climate gives the Americans an advantage. For much of

tion for testing new ideas and new equipment, provides one focal point; the Royal Agricultural Society of England, with its Silver Medal competitions for new implements provides another, and the N.F.U. has a machinery committee on which some of the large-scale mechanised farmers sit. From time to time the Farmers' Club discusses mechanisation problems, and the Oxford Farming Conference brings forward useful ideas. No one wants to set up another body for the sake of adding yet another committee to the roll, but there does seem to be need for pooling ideas at a time when mechanisation obviously has such an important part to take in enabling British agriculture to expand production while keeping down labour costs. The lines of development must also to some extent be dictated by the export trade. Britain's exports of agricultural machinery, including tractors, brought in £59 million last year, and it is a remarkable fact that more than half the agricultural machinery produced in Britain is exported. Even so, the basis of the agricultural engineering industry is the home demand, and farmers need not hesitate to say what they want and where they consider the existing lines of equipment are deficient.

TRAINING FOR AGRICULTURE

By H. IAN MOORE, Principal of Seale-Hayne Agricultural College, Newton Abbot

ATIONAL recovery depends in no small measure upon a substantial increase in agricultural output. If the food demands of a growing population are to be met to an ever-increasing degree from an area of farmland which is annually shrinking at an alarming pace, it becomes crystal clear that efforts to increase output per acre and reduce loss from pest and disease are paramount needs. Thus, after two wars, a whole series of economic crises and a grim warning of impending hunger, we are rapidly reaching agreement with Daniel Webster, who boldly asserted long ago that "the cultivation of the earth is the most important labour of man." And who would be so bold as to gainsay the fact that the first essential for success in farming is a sound technical training?

A host of questions immediately arise. What facilities are available for agricultural education, not only for those born and bred on the land and with every hope of stepping into their father's shoes, but also for town-bred

science. True, the opportunities may not be wholly adequate at the moment, but they were certainly expanding until recent financial stringencies affected the position.

The first requirement for the new entrant to farming is a burning enthusiasm for the land and a firm determination that farming and nothing but farming is the goal. Once this is apparent, then the sooner the youthful feet are placed on the first rung of the farming ladder the better. Here it is necessary to point out how many parents fail to seek advice from school authorities or the Ministry of Agriculture sufficiently early; and, alas, far too often the school authorities are not fully conversant with the facilities available. Any parent whose child intends to enter the industry and is anxious that they should receive the best possible training should secure the leaflet Full-time Agricultural Education in England and Wales (AE 52/53) from the Ministry of Agriculture, which gives full details of present facilities.

The essence of the Diploma course is practice with science. Degree courses at a University, on the other hand, require three to four years of study and, while still suitable for those intending to farm, or seeking managerial posts, are especially designed for those seeking professional employment in advisory work, research or teaching. The youngster who does well at a Farm Institute may have the chance of taking further training at an Agricultural College. Pre-entry requirements to these training establishments vary.

For a University, Matriculation is essential; and in most cases additional study in science subjects is required, whereas for an Agricultural College, School Certificate or nowadays the General Certificate of Education, preferably with one or more science subjects, is adequate. No formal academic qualification is normally required to enter a County Farm Institute. Almost without exception, however, previous practical farm experience is a necessary quali-

fication for entry to an Agri-cultural course—a wise and indeed essential requirement. scholarships, the Local Education Authorities and the Ministry of Agriculture offer a considerable number, but by no means an adequate one if the nation is determined seriously to tackle the problem of training the new entrants to farming and encouraging those with a bent for farming to prepare themselves thoroughly for their life's work. In view of the serious world food position and our own dependence on increased production from the land, it is surely a sad reflection on our judgment that the future generations of farmers and farm workers should be penalised for the sins of past generations.

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A difficult problem often facing the town-bred boy or girl is where and how to obtain the necessary practical training before entering the selected training establishment. Here the County Agricultural Authority, the National Farmers' Union or the Royal Agriculture Society are always prepared to help. Many farmers are only too willing to take a keen youngster for training. Some may require a premium, some farm pupils work for their keep and training, others quickly reach a standard where wages can be considered. Lack of capital

is no bar to securing a sound practical training, and, let there be no mistake, a sound practical training is essential before embarking on the

technical training.

And after training? It depends, in my experience, on the individual. Those who re keen to advance, willing to work hard and put heart and soul into their life's work do clib the ladder. One has only to glance at the "Situations Vacant" in any of our agricultual journals to realise that the demand for kean, well-trained men and women is very real.

Now comes the other vital problem alrea posed of keeping those in the industry, be ti workers or master farmers, in touch with latest developments. There is a wealth of halp and advice available. Thanks to the Natical Agricultural Advisory Service and the ma commercial organisations there is not a farm in the land who cannot obtain, free of charhighly skilled advice from those anxious to he him to solve his difficulties. In the winter mont discussion societies, film shows and other mea is of disseminating knowledge are available. The network is very far-reaching and efficient. the Seale-Hayne Agricultural College, Newton Abbot, for instance, the annual refresher course for old students always attracts a large number of farmers from all parts of the country. Far too many farmers fail to avail themselves of



AERIAL VIEW OF THE SEALE-HAYNE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND FARM AT NEWTON ABBOT, SOUTH DEVON

children who possess a love of the countryside, perhaps acquired from forbears generations back, perhaps as a result of war-time evacuation from a danger zone to the peace and safety of the countryside? What chances are there for those who are not scholastically or academically minded but good with their hands and heads, and with the evident ability, if given the chance of a sound training, of farming successfully? What opportunities are there for those who would be good farm workers and who wish to specialise in the craft?

Or again, there are many who are keen to tackle research, have leanings towards administration, or are born teachers and lecturers. Many have a deep love of animals and gravitate towards veterinary science. Where do they fit into the vast network of this great industry? Another question of increasing moment which comes to mind is to what extent facilities are available for practising farmers to keep in close touch with recent research work and modern developments.

In answer to all these questions, the opportunities certainly exist, as testified by the hundreds of young men and women from all walks of life who annually fit themselves to take part—and a very effective part—in agriculture. Likewise the great number of first-class farmers who keep abreast of the latest developments of

Starting with the school, an increasing number of modern secondary schools are developing a rural bias and securing teachers trained in agriculture and horticulture. Many of these schools have their own holdings, keep livestock and form an excellent starting point. Many more need to be developed and more trained teachers, with a keen love of the land, are essential. From the school, the girl or boy, depending upon ability, may proceed to a County Farm Institute, an Agricultural College, or a University Department of Agriculture. How do these establishments differ? The Institute offers a one-year course of basic partly practical and partly theoretical, for those who aim at special responsibility in the practical sphere either as paid workers or as farmers. Many Institutes offer specialised courses in, say, machinery, pig husbandry, dairy farming, poultry keeping, or fruit and vegetable growing.

The two-year Diploma course at an Agricultural College is obviously more detailed and is designed for students intending to farm on their own account, or, if they lack the necessary capital, then for the more responsible posts as farm managers, bailiffs and estate managers. Many, having taken the Diploma in Agriculture, Dairy Husbandry or Estate Management, will enter the commercial field or seek employment abroad in practice or in the Colonial Service.



KEEPING ABREAST OF MODERN DEVELOPMENTS: FARMERS TAKING PART IN A FIELD DAY ON THE COLLEGE FARM

such facilities, for a variety of reasons. One interesting fact emerges, however, namely that the man who has had technical training in agriculture at whatever level, is usually the first to seek expert advice when faced with a problem he is at a loss to solve. This is the attitude which must be fostered—this must be the national goal. For the farm worker many Farm Institutes now run short courses in shepherding, tractoring, stack-making, pig-rearing and so on; and such training pays rich dividends in improved craftsmanship.

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To sum up, all entering the agricultural industry, in whatever capacity, should have adequate training suited to their needs. The education of the young is a fundamental need. What folly, even in these days of financial stringency, therefore, to restrict the entrants to our training establishments by paring down the scholarships available! How much time and energy and printers' ink has been expended of recent years on the problem of the "C" farmer. But how many of these so-called "C" farmers were ever trained for the job?

"Look to the land" has been a clarion call in times of anxiety throughout our history. To-day, when our very life blood as a nation is in the land, we need a new and more vigorous, more purposeful clarion call, for this priceless treasure of farm land not only must be safeguarded, for this generation and for those who follow, but it must be made to yield generously of its bounty by men and women who love the land and understand its innermost secrets, and the industry as a whole must be backed up by the enthusiastic support of the entire nation.

"TOO MECHANICAL" - A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

WAS reading the other day some extracts, published beforehand, of the biography of that great man Field-Marshal Smuts by his son, and came across this passage: "In 1926 we tried to get him interested in golf at Irene, but after a few swings he said it was far too mechanical." A golfer's first crude instinct is to say that if the General, as he was then, had seriously taken up the game he would probably have found that his efforts to hit the ball were not so very machine-like after all. On second thoughts, however, he begins to wonder whether perhaps the General was right, and at any rate he apprehends the point of his criticism. The game must have seemed mechanical judged by the home-made game, if I may so term it, which was played in the family. "After supper there would be absolute pandemonium, with everybody rushing about followed by my father with a stick. The idea was not to be caught with your feet on the ground," and if, I gather, you were so unfortunate as to be caught firm-footed the stick came into play. Clearly such blows as the wielder of the stick then administered were in no sense mechanical, but improvised on the spur of the moment according to circumstances.

Golf is no doubt a mechanical game in that we try to a great extent to do the same thing over and over again in the same way. Yet he who resolves to make himself into too much of a machine usually comes to grief in the end. Some while ago I was glancing again with a good deal of pleasure at one of the earliest American books on Golf, by Marshall Whitlatch, the father of Buckley Whitlatch, who was playing golf so well for Oxford a year or two since. The author had suffered agonies in conscientiously trying to turn himself into a machine, especially in the matter of putting. "My theory was," he wrote, "to reduce the art of putting to an exact science by some method of controlling the club which would make it impossible to go wrong. The club would have to go that way, and it was a physical impossibility for it to go any other way than that which I intended.

I set my muscles as one would try to guide a car on wheels along a track in such a fashion that I couldn't move the club except upon such and such a line. It was all wrong."

Now and again he would putt well, and then he believed it was because he was setting his muscles so admirably whereas, in fact, he was saining confidence from holing a few putts and was consequently relaxing his muscles. It took him a long time to appreciate that inescapable truth that the ball "maun be hit." This is not to say that it is not a good thing to acquire as far as possible a grooved swing, but like other good 'things it can be overdone. I suppose we can all think of players, on their good day very good players indeed, who have yet been subject to recurrent and more or less complete breakdowns from too great a devotion to this desire to be machines instead of mere men.

Field-Marshal Smuts's view, whether intrinsically true or not, is, I think, undoubtedly truer of the golf of to-day than of the golf of, let us say, thirty or forty years ago. The numbered clubs have introduced the one swing adaptable to all, or nearly all, the shots. Byron Nelson has written words to the effect that he is not conscious of making any change in his swing, what-ever the club he uses. It would have been inconceivable for a champion of an earlier generation to say that. I am sometimes inclined, impiously perhaps, to suspect that the elder heroes did play rather more shots in the same single way than they thought or said they did; but beyond that I will not go, and perhaps I was not clever enough always to see the difference, and indeed with the clubs at their disposal, anything like complete uniformity of method for all shots was scarcely possible. That the game has become more mechanical in this respect is, I think, a sad pity in point of both beauty and interest, though not in point of effectiveness. But that is another story and has become an old and tiresome one; in any case, it is futile to think that the clock can be put back.

I fancy that the American genius for the game tends towards the making of it more and more mechanical. They play the game on the whole under more uniform conditions than we do—they seldom, for instance, have to contend at home with a wind of our seaside variety; if there is one they incline to stay indoors and consequently they can devote themselves to making themselves into the more perfect hitting machines under unchanging conditions. Last week I was writing of Mr. Henry Longhurst's book Golf Mixture, and he, who has been to the United States much more recently than I have, has some interesting things to say, in an objective rather than a critical spirit, on this subject. "What they like," he says, "is 'target

golf.' They like a good lie, a flat stance, no wind, every mechanical aid in the shape of the newest super-super something-or-other shaft; and then to see with what precision they can 'shoot.'" That target golf tends to more thoroughly mechanical grooving of the swing to more precise hitting of the ball and so to lower scores, I do not doubt, but I think the comparative rough-and-tumble of our courses, even sometimes with icy greens in a gale of wind, makes for a more amusing game.

One of the most mechanical players that I can think of at the present moment, in the sense of one who maintains an unvarying ritual, is our Open Champion, Bobby Locke. This is especially noteworthy in what is perhaps the strongest part of his game, his putting. His preliminaries on the green are always exactly the same, in particular that searching downward look at the ground between ball and hole and almost into the hole (in case there should be any snakes there), followed by the two little practice shots at an imaginary ball. Nearly everyone has, I suppose, a certain drill which he generally goes through before a stroke, sometimes without being conscious of it, but this exact precision of address is clearly deliberate, and it is no doubt part of the strength of Locke's playing temperament that he never increases or decreases it, no matter whether he is winning easily or—a much rarer state of things—he is out of the hunt.

As far as I can gather from the passage I quoted Field-Marshal Smuts never got as far as putting. It was only, it seems, a few swings. Whether at a ball or more probably at the buttercups and daisies, this produced his verdict. Undoubtedly it is the putting that tempts us most, as it tempted Mr. Whitlatch, to think that if he got all the preliminaries right a happy consummation must follow. Even Horace Hutchinson, a dashing, spontaneous and eminently "natural" golfer, came near to suggesting it, when he recommended his "alternative" style of putting. "The club head," he wrote, "will, on this method, be swinging somewhat after the fashion of a pendulum, and if the golfer gets the hanging arrangements of the pendulum correct, it cannot very well swing out of the true line." How often have I read in youth that teasing, disappointing sentence! Still that confounded ball had to be hit.



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BLACK GAME AT THE LEK

I have read from time to time of the decrease of black game. I have never seen black game or prairie chickens on the lek (or display ground), but from the pictures and the written descriptions they seem to act in exactly the same way. After a careful survey of prairie chickens, it was learned that there had to be a was learned that there had to be a large number of cocks present to make the proceedings a success. Without a large number of cocks there was not the intense excitement which was needed. Can any of your readers say why this should apply to black game?



AN OLD UMBRELLA AT CARTMEL PRIORY CHURCH, LANCASHIRE

See letter: For Shelter at Fund

While I know that the shooting of old game birds increases the stock, I am rather doubtful of its wisdom. While I do not fight game cocks or go to fights, I always keep a game cock and two hens about the house in place of peacocks. The old cock is a wonderful bird, having won, among other fights, his battle in a \$20,000

main.

In talking with the man from whom I got my birds, I found that great emphasis is laid on stamina. With so much money at stake every precaution must be taken. No one breeds from hens under two years of age and older birds are preferred. My

age and older birds are preferred. My friend has a hen which is 14 years old and which still lays a few eggs.

One hears much about barren grouse and grey hens. I wonder how often an expert has made a dissection to show if this is true. My hens usually make their nests in the woods, usually make their nests in the woods, and the first thing we see of them is when they appear on the lawn with a brood. Recently a hen appeared with ten day-old chicks. It was the beginning of four days of torrential rain with two heavy thunderstorms. One day 3.41 inches of rain fell. The hen has so far raised them all. Of course, the chicks could get under the hen's wings, but had to leave this shelter to scratch for food. My hens are never in coops or shelters, but roost in shrubbery and trees. Some of the cockerels, which have not been dubbed, have their combs frozen in zero weather, but stick to the open.—GEORGE L. HARRISON, St. Davids, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

NEWS FROM CICETER

rom Sir Peter Norton-Griffiths, Bart. IR.—Apropos of your correspondence bout the correct pronunciation of irencester the Wilts. and Glos. Mandard always refers to "News from

Ciceter." Moreover, is there not the Limerick:
There was an old Lady from Ciceter, Who went to see her solicitor.
When he ashed for his fee,
She said, "Fiddle-de-dee!
"I only came here as a visitor."?—
PETER NORTON-GRIFFITHS, Estrada do Jumine 2 Lishon Portugal Lumiar, 2, Lisbon, Portugal.

FOR SHELTER AT FUNERALS

SIR,—The letter about the parson's wooden funeral shelter at Wingfield, Suffolk (August 22), prompts me to send you the enclosed photograph of a parish umbrella, now at Cartmel Priory Church, Lancashire, used by the parson for funerals. The frame is of oak and very heavy.

In the 18th-century accounts of St. Michael's. Briefel

St. Michael's, Bristol, mention is made of the purchase and repair of such an umbrella.—Rotha Mary CLAY, Bristol.

GREY SQUIRRELS AND APPLES

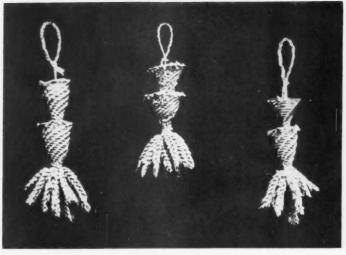
SIR,—Recently, in A Countryman's Notes, Major C. S. Jarvis asked whether the grey squirrel has attacked apple orchards. I can assure him that it has: on the Friday morning before I had read his notes I saw a petore I had read his notes I saw a grey squirrel come round the corner of the house and stop about two yards from where I was standing. It had in its mouth a good sized apple. When it became aware of my presence it scampered off into the bushes, still

carrying its apple.

As the orchard is quite two hundred yards from where I met it, it had carried its booty a considerable distance.—MARCIA R. JEFFERIS (Mrs.), Rounton, Nascot Wood Road, Watford, Hertfordshire.

AN 18th-CENTURY **HACKNEY**

SIR,—When I recently had the old painting, of which I send you a photo-graph, cleaned an interesting landscape was revealed, including a reclining shepherd with dog and sheep and an inscription which reads:



CORN DOLLIES, MADE AFTER THIS YEAR'S HARVEST, AT BARTON TURF, NORFOLK

See letter : Corn Dollies

"Nabob, aged 18 years, the Hackney of H. King J.... March, 1792 1803." The name seems to be in fainter

Ine name seems to be in fainter lettering than the rest of the legend, which has the appearance of having been added. Can any reader tell me anything about the hackney, or his owner?—R. HAWORTH-BOOTH (Wing-Com.), Dany Warren, Crickhowell, Brecon

CAT AND DOG FRIENDSHIP

SIR,—When walking in the Phoenix Park. Dublin, recently, I was much surprised to see two little boys accompanied by a dog and a cat. They told me the cat goes everywhere the dog goes and answers to a whistle like a dog.—H. C. CRAWLEY, 184, Clonliffe Road, Dublin.

CORN DOLLIES

SIR,—I send you a photograph of three corn dollies made this harvest by Mr. William Blake, of Barton Turf, Norfolk. Although slightly varied, they follow a traditional pattern and are beautiful examples of straw work.

It would be interesting to know how It would be interesting to know how far this craft, which was once such a lovely expression of the thatchers' art, survives. Often women were capable of this work, making magnificent crowns and regalia for the Harvest Festival as a thank-offering for a good harvest.—Allan Jobson, The Cleeves, Westleton, Saxmundham, Suffolk Suffolk.

SNOBBISHNESS IN DOGS

SIR,—I have been amused by your recent correspondence about snobbish dogs. We have owned several dogs dogs. We have owned several dogs and known many more, but none of us has ever come across a worse snob than our present golden labrador, Sally. She never deigns to look at mongrels, and even among the several well-bred dogs who lived near our last house the only one with whom she would associate herself was a tall, dark and handsome alsatian. By him in would associate lerself was a tail, dark and handsome alsatian. By him, in addition, she was quite infatuated, and he, in turn, would share his bones only with her.

We have recently moved to a



PAINTING OF NABOB, AN 18-YEAR-OLD HACKNEY See letter: An 18th-century Hackney

house which possesses complete servants' quarters. These permitted us to house, to our brief joy, two "helps," who requested permission before they arrived to bring a dog. This could not well be refused, but there was naturally some misgiving as to whether Sally would tolerate it. In the event it was all she did. During their limited sojourn Sally would never go through to that part of the house, and if this other dog, which was a kind of terrier, dared even to show a kind of terrier, dared even to show itself round at the front it was seen off in no uncertain manner. Now that all three have departed, however, Sally cheerfully accompanies us, once back to the sink

Incidentally, self-consciousness in dogs, especially when just clipped, seems to be by no means uncommon. We used to have a cairn who behaved in very much the same way as the Scottie about whom Mr. Fitzgerald wrote in your issue of September 5. Small dogs probably feel more strongly about it than larger ones.—G. T. G. FINDLAY, Croft House, Hetton, Skipton, Yorkshire.

QUARANTINE FOR DOGS

From Major-General Sir Hereward Wuke From Major-General Sit Hereward Ware Sirk,—Miss Elizabeth Speed's article (Sending a Dog to Quarantine) in Country Life of August 22 is a story with a happy ending, which is not always the case. Six months in quarantine is a cruel business and I would never advise property by incoming the property of the case. would never advise anyone to bring a dog home to face it. My own dog, five years old, died in quarantine—not of rabies—a few days before he was due to be released.

Could not the six months' sentence be greatly reduced with safety to the public? I understand that the last occasion of dogs developing rabies in quarantine were two cases in 1948. Cases of dogs getting rabies after 30 days from the date they were bitten are. I believe, extremely rare. Rabies be conveyed only by a wound.

Wound.

I suggest that two months' quarantine, with another two months in confinement at the dogs' homes under close observation, would be an ample safeguard.—HEREWARD WAKE, Courteenhall, Northamptonshire.

[The difficulty about reducing the period of quarantine for done is that

period of quarantine for dogs is that since 1934 there have been at least



TWIN FERRIES ACROSS THE RIVER AVON AT FLADBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE See letter : The Disappearing Ferry

four instances of dogs dying of rabies in quarantine four months or more after landing. The two dogs mentioned by our correspondent died respectively $4\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{4}$ months after landing.—ED.]

WAS IT A PIKE-HEAD?

SIR.—Is not the wrought-iron spike illustrated by Lt.-Col. Jasper Martin in the Correspondence columns of September 12 the head of a pike? This essentially infantry weapon was in use from the middle of the 15th contrary to the beginning of the 18th in use from the middle of the 15th century to the beginning of the 18th century. The rivet holes in the base and the square nail clearly denote a shafted weapon with its three- or foursided head and from its appearance it was made long since by a village black-smith.—H. D. Barnes (Major), St. Leonards-on-Sea. Sussex.

SIR,—I think the wrought-iron spike found in Windsor Forest is the busifound in Windsor Forest is the business end of a naval boarding pike. I have had them from an old ship's armoury from Portsmouth. These iron pikes were mounted on pine shafts some 8 feet long. The butt end had an iron ferrule on it.—A. G. Wade (Major), Bentley, Hampshire. PLOUGHING WITH OXEN

PLOUGHING WITH OXEN
SIR,—Arthur Young was one of
numerous old-time experts with a
lively appreciation of the ox's working powers, and Mr. G. Kenneth
Whitehead's article The Passing of
Draught Oxen (September 12) has reminded me of a view Young once preminded me of a visit Young once paid to Edmund Burke's estate at Beaconsfield. The great Whig revivalist and orator also had original ideas and uncommon enterprise as a farmer. He revolutionised local agricultural practice in Buckinghamshire by ploughing almost twice as deep as his neighbours. His bailiff was dumbfounded at first by his insistence on furrows 10 to 12 inches deep, but oxen, it seemed, bore well the brunt of these demands. minded me of a visit Young once paid demands.

For, as Young reported in his A Farmer's Tour Through Eastern England (Vol. IV): "Oxen this gentleman (Mr. Burke) uses in his tillage with great success; he works them in with great success; ne works them in harness in the manner already men-tioned to be practised by Mr. Cooke and Sir Charles Tynte; he uses three and one horse in a plough, or four oxen, and they do an acre a day; whereas the farmers plough no more land with from four to six horses: it is

from hence very evident that the practice must answer very greatly; it reduces the prices of tillage more than half."—A. J. FORREST, Brandon. Suffolk.

THE DISAPPEARING **FERRYWOMAN**

SIR,—I send you a photograph of another ferry worked—before the war _T —by a woman (September 5). This is across the Avon at Fladbury, in Worcestershire. It will be seen that there are two ferries here; the one on the right belongs to the old mill, by then converted into a private house. That seen in use has a bell, which hangs just out of sight on the left, to call the owner.—M. W., Hereford.

SIR,—The interesting photograph accompanying N. M. Woodall's letter in your issue of September 5 is of the ferry over the Hampshine/Dorset Stour, not the Avon. I live very near the spot photographed, and the Avon runs in the valley north of Blackwater Hill; the Stour is south of the hill, which lies just behind the area photographed.—John C. Crawshaw, Latch oor Cottage, Riverway, Christchurch, Hampshire.

AN EPISODE AT CULLODEN

SIR,—I think your readers may be interested by the enclosed photograph of an oil painting of the Battle of Culloden, which has been a family ssion since it was painted.

possession since it was painted.
Below the picture hangs a description, separately framed, which runs:
"Rebel Gratitude, or, a Representation of the Treachery and Barbarty of Two Rebel Officers at the Battle of Culloden, who had their Lives generously given them by the Earl of Ancram (who had a considerable ommand that day) and by Cantain iron mand that day) and by Captain sett, Engineer and Aid De Camp t General. The one attempted to oot His Lordship behind his back w Pistol which He had kept conc and which luckily only flashed it the Pan. The other shot Captain Greet Dead with his own Pistol, which pened accidentally to fall from hi aphe was on Horseback, under pret of restoring the same to the Cap These Rebels received the just reof their Perfidy by being immedicut to pieces by the King's Trand it is generally believed that their Ingratitude and Treacigneatly heightened the Slaughter was that Day made of their Pa ty. Captain Grosett left behind him a iscapiain Grosett left behind him a istressed Widow with six young Childen. This Battle was fought the 16th of April, 1746. Published according to Act of Parliament, January 14th, 1747."

The three soldiers are in scarlet and Captain Grosett is in blue. Earl, on his horse seen in the middle distance, is in scarlet. Family tradition has it that the painter was



REBEL GRATITUDE, A PAINTING BY AN UNKNOWN ARTIST RECORDING THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN GROSETT AT CULLODEN See letter : An Episode at Culloden



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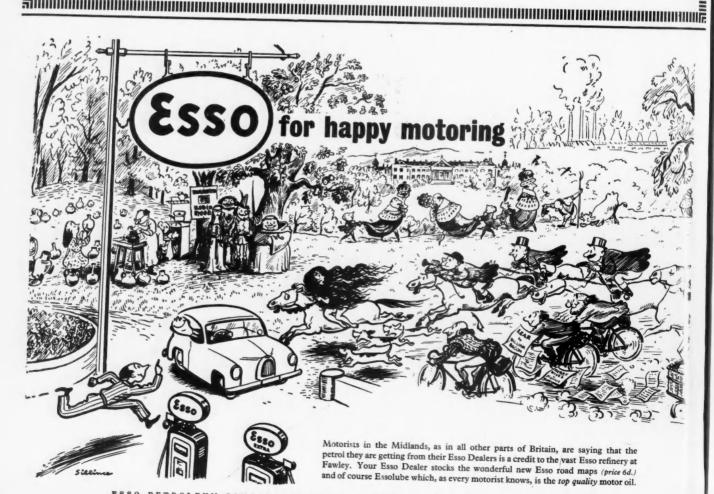
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PAIR OF RECLINING TIGERS IN NEEDLEWORK

See Letter: Lifelike Needlework

(1697-1764), and the style at resembles his. A friend, Hogart at resembles his. A friend, has recently suggested that more suggests that of Charles (1708-1747). Philips's style n described as minute and somewhat timid, but valuable it still Philips has be skilful ant of the truth and sincerity ich costumes and accessories with not know by whom. Perhaps one of your readers will venture pinion.—C. H. GROSETT COL-ol.), Bilbie House, Chew Stoke, are tre but I on an LINS

[n engraving of this picture, from which the description quoted has been aken, was published in 1747, but there is no mention on it of the painter or the engraver. The attribution to Hogarth is very improbable, nor does the picture much resemble the work of Charles Philips. On the other hand, it will bear comparison in both style and execution with the few scenes in the uprising known to have been executed by H. Burgh, an insufficiently recognised artist of the period. Colonel Lord Ancram, who commanded the Dragoons at the Battle of Culloden, succeeded his father in of Culloden, succeeded his father in 1767 as fourth Marquess of Lothian.—

A CATCH IN IT

After reading Mr. R. B. Edwards' letter in your issue of September 12 I have come to the conclusion that he has been taken in, as were also the accepters of the original bet quoted in Wayfarer's letter of August 22.

It is perfectly safe to bet that one cannot break an egg in an empty sack because as soon as the egg is put in the sack the sack is no longer empty. Q.E.D.—ALAN G. AGNEW, 2, Weymouth Street, London, W.1.

CHARLES II AT TRENT

SIR,—The references to Charles II hiding at Trent Manor after the Battle of Worcester, mentioned in the recent articles on Newton Surmaville, Somerset, prompt me to send you the enclosed photograph of a new inn sign in the village at Trent. It seems to me in the vinage at Frent. It seems to me to be a pleasing design. Might one hazard a guess that the name of the Rose and Crown is derived from Charles II's visit to Trent?—E. E. Cook, 1, Sion Hill Place, Bath.

SUICIDES' GRAVES

SIR,-Your recent letters on suicides' SIR,—Your recent letters on suicides' graves at the cross-roads make one wonder why the remains of these unfortunate people were treated in this manner. It seems that sometimes a stake was driven through the heart of the corpse, although this practice appears to have been abandoned before burials of this kind were discontinued.

fore burials of this kind were dis-continued.

At Whitton, in Middlesex, a post painted red was driven through the body of a murderer and suicide in 1760, bearing on one side the legend "Here, with a stake driven through his heart, lies the body of the wicked murderer John Pretor, who murdered his wife and children and afterwards killed himself "and, on the reverse side, a rough

illustration of a hand holding a dagger.
(I am quoting from memory, and so may not be word for word correct.) The Bloody Post, as it was called, appears on old maps and is referred to in some contemporary books. The late Gor-don Maxwell, in his book Highwayman's Heath, describes how he attempted to locate the site, without suc-cess, and all knowledge of its exact location appears to have been lost.

It would be interesting to discover if any connection exists between this ancient practice and the belief in vampires, who were traditionally accorded the same treatment. At one time it was thought suicides were likely to become vampires, and this may ori-ginally have been a method of making certain the body "stayed dead." — F. CLIVE Ross, 23, Cedars Road, Clapham Common.



SIR,—Having seen many beautiful examples of craftsmanship illustrated in COUNTRY LIFE, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed might be interested in the enclosed photograph of two reclining tigers, which are in hand-stitched needle-work. I believe that they were worked in India by a Japanese labourer, and represent years of spare-time work and patience.—F. A. Boden, 4, Syddall Avenue, Cheadle.

POLE LIBRARY LADDERS

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From Viscountess Ridley
SIR,—I remember the 18th-century
pole library ladder in the Antique
Dealers' Fair in 1950 to which Mr.
Pinto refers in your issue of September 5. But my father, Sir Edwin
Lutyens, never saw it, and certainly
thought he had invented the one he
designed for me. If he had however designed for me. If he had, however, he would probably have been not disappointed, but enchanted by the coincidence; and he would either have been proud of the fact that his was the better of the two or anxious to improve his own design after seeing the older one.

The Blagdon ladder is very much gayer than the 18th-century mahogany one, being painted a lacquer red, which contributes to the charm of the room, but I think the flat rungs of the other are far more practical. The round rungs of the Blagdon ladder,

Sharpe and was given a grant of arms by Royal Licence in 1805. He was cousin-german to Horatio

Sharpe.

I should be most grateful for any information as to the possible whereabouts of this picture. The present owner of Whitehall is anxious to furnish certain rooms as they were in The state of the s

PORTRAIT MINIATURES BY LAWRENCE

With reference to Mr. H. Clifford Smith's interesting letter regarding a portrait miniature by Sir Thomas a portrait miniature by Sir Thomas Lawrence in the collection of the Marquess of Londonderry, you may be interested to know that there is another portrait miniature attributed to this artist in Trinity College Library, Cambridge. This is a portrait of Thomas Moore.

The fact that Basil Long's dic-

tionary of miniature painting does not mention miniatures by this artist means little. There are a number of not unimportant miniaturists who are not even mentioned in this work, and not even mentioned in this work, and several others who are hardly mentioned.—RAYMOND LISTER, Librarian of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers, Cockerlons, Linian, Cambridge.



WHITEHALL, THE HOME OF COLONEL HORATIO SHARPE AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

See Letter: Drawing of a House in Maryland

only one inch in diameter, though adding to the ingenuity of the design by the manner in which they fold into the grooves of the pole, are very uncomfortable to stand on, and can be used only if you know exactly where to lay your hands on a book. They are too uncomfortable for any prolonged search along the shelf.—URSULA RIDLEY, Blagdon, Seaton Burn, Northumberland. Burn, Northumberland.

DRAWING OF A HOUSE IN MARYLAND

IN MARYLAND
SIR,—I am searching for a watercolour or pencil sketch, which is supposed to be somewhere in England, of
the Georgian residence by the name of
Whitehall (of which I enclose a photograph) which Colonel Horatio Sharpe,
who was a one-time Governor of
Marvland in the U.S.A., built for himcolf of Annanolis

self at Annapolis.

He was born at Hull, in York-shire, in 1718, and died at Hampstead in 1790, having come home to England in 1773, bringing with him (supposed-ly) the picture in question. He had a ly) the picture in question. He had a collection of pictures in his house at Hampstead at the time of his death, and if this particular picture had been in this collection and not sold, it would have gone to the residuary legatee mentioned in his will, namely, Charles Thomas Rissowe, Esq., of Woodbridge and Melton, both in Suffolk, who took the name of

LETTERS IN BRIEF

Hoopoe in the Channel Islands. There was a hoopoe on Herm Island, in the Channel Islands, on September 10. The bird strutted about within ten yards of me for about a minute before flying off.—JAMES BURFORD, Old Manor, Codford St. Peter, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Drawing of a Country House.—
I am extremely grateful for your reproducing (August 1) the water-colour drawing of a country house I was unable to identify. There have been many suggestions, but the one I think the most likely stores that the I think the most likely states that the house is Moreby Hall, Yorkshire.— AUGUSTUS WALKER, Knotmead, Morti-

Bell Clappers.—Apropos of the recent correspondence about bell-clappers, there are six hung on the wall near the west door of Worfield Church Schoenbirgs J. T. Church, Shropshire.—J. Walsall, Staffordshire. TINDALE

Route to Scotland .- On a recent Route to Scotland.—On a recent visit to Scotland by car I used the route suggested by Mr. J. Eason Gibson in his article in your issue of July 4 on how to avoid the Great North Road. I was extremely pleased with this route and can recommend it to others.—Humphery B. Vernon, Forest Lodge, Bracknell, Berkshire



A NEW INN SIGN AT TRENT, DORSET See letter : Charles II at Tren

MILK PRODUCTION THEN AND NOW

HROUGH the mists of time come memories of a heated altercation at the side door of our surburban house. Not the front door, with its aspidistra in each side window—that was unthinkable. Nor the back, for the milkman had long won his point that to go there took too much time when his other customers were waiting for their warm milk straight from the cow. So my grandmother and the milkman met half way to carry on their perpetual quarrel. A milkman's life is not a happy one: he sees too many customers too early, before they have spruced up to meet the world. He catches much of the venom that dissolves as the sun waxes. This particular morning the argument centred on the temperature of the milk: grandmother asserted that it was so cold that obviously it must be stale. The producer lived at Pebble Mill, about half a mile away, and long since submerged in houses. Poor man! He must have had a hard time in supplying his customers seven days a week with warm milk that would keep until the next delivery in the afternoon.

Again memory reveals visits as a small boy to a typical midland farm where cows predominated. There were morning and evening milkings in which most employees took part. No By CLYDE HIGGS

as copied from the Dutch and practised in Glasgow. His introduction starts: "In those communities where a liberal supply of genuine milk is obtained, fewer premature deaths have occurred, and there is scarcely any article of food deservedly in more general use, particularly in Great Britain, than the pure and unadulterated milk of the cow." Some of the conditions he mentions would create doubt as to the quality of the milk. "Many of the cows were kept in narrow lanes and confined corners. where the atmosphere was contaminated with effluvia arising from mire and stagnant water, and the want of ventilation; so little attention, indeed, was then paid to cleanliness in conducting the business that many persons, especially those of delicate constitutions, who consequently stood most in need of that excellent restorative, denied themselves the use of milk from the disgust naturally excited at the filthy mode of bringing it to market." There were no arrange-ments for fair measure: "Each dealer had measures suited to his own peculiar views; that is, they were either very small or middle-sized, according to the measure of his conscience. In winter, when the quantity diminished, instead

that each customer knew within a few minutes the precise time when the milk would arrive."

Feeding methods were in keeping with

Feeding methods were in keeping with modern ideas. Irrigated grass fields we a cut five or six times a year, and though no in the leaf produced much weight. making, too, was practised, although a poor view was taken of distiller's grains, which produced a lot of milk of poor quality. Alas, "erything went on prosperously till the Peter of 1814, when the universal depression that essued paralysed his exertions."

My entry into dairy farming, nearly years ago, had something to do with a deproduce and sell an article for which redit would be given when it was good, while complaints could be anticipated for the occasional lapse. However, the proportions were not as expected, for housewives are very touchy milk. Anyhow, my endeavour was a ways to produce the highest quality. Once upon a time it was at the lowest price. Government control has stopped all that—in fact present prices are too low to permit of price-cutting.

A meeting with the late Dr. Stenhouse Williams, a great enthusiast for clean milk production, set my target higher than it would have been. Feeling too humble to ask for the highest grade, "Certified," I applied for permission to use the words "Tuberculin Tested." To my surprise my farm was put in the "Certified" class—one of the few, although it did not mean much in those days.

The tuberculin test was in embryo and not too reliable. For that matter, it is not 100 per cent efficient today. Nor is the clearance of bovine tuberculosis from the country going on as quickly as it should. Denmark, with 200,000 herds, started an active campaign about the same time as we did in 1934. They proceeded on different lines. Here the bonus is intended not only to cover the extra care and work needed, but also to compensate for animal replacements. The arrangement is not altogether satisfactory, for reactors can easily find their way into other dairy herds. By our method we have attested about 25 per cent (35,000) of our herds. The Danes, working on the subsidised slaughter of reactors, now report 100 per cent. clearance. They describe their herds as being "free from tuberculosis." It would be wiser to say that they have "passed the tuberculin test"—which reminds me of a competitor of many years ago, who, perhaps envious of my success, had his vans lettered "Milk from tuberculin tested cows," omitting to add that they had all failed. Following the issue of a "Certified" licence,

Following the issue of a "Certified" licence, there was very little supervision. The Ministry of Health took odd samples and made occasional inspections. Certified licencees were proud to produce raw milk that would keep for five or six days in the hottest weather—barring accidents. Dairy farmers in general had another enemy of their herds—contagious aborton. This could affect milk drinkers with undulint fever. There was no adequate prevention or cure for it. Some farmers, myself among the material to control abortion by periodic blood tests and the disposal of reactors to farmers who lide not believe in such ideas. It was an expensive and trying affair: No positive animal ever recovered, but could quickly infect a deen negatives. Others depended on the presence of a billy goat to keep their herds free, while a number, in desperation, let the disease unampant in the belief that the animals for ead some measure of resistance.

All that is finished now by the use of vaccine, an American introduction. Nowac ys one vaccination when the calf is five more labeled and another before she goes to the bull resufficient to guarantee life-long immunity from contagious abortion.

Mastitis, and there are many types of it, was a real nuisance. A rough test of my h rd disclosed that three-quarters of the cows w re infected and nothing much could be done ab it it. Now, laboratory tests and penicillin tre tment have made it possible to create practically clean herds, but to maintain them is a tiring and monotonous job.

Where have we got to in milk production



BEFORE THE DAYS OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD: DELIVERING MILK HALF A CENTURY AGO

hygienic nonsense—the cats helped themselves from buckets awaiting cooling, the cows lay in their stalls all winter, getting more and more caked in manure as spring approached. On Sunday we young visitors were allowed to help with the cooling. The farmer's horrified shout when he leaned out of his bedroom window to see that we were filling churns already half full of water for cleansing still lingers in my mind. Then there was the mad rush to catch the milk

train-too often unsuccessful.

In the hot weather a regular stream of sour milk returned because it could not stand the journey—not a very serious matter with prices as they were, and in any case the pigs had to be fed. Sometimes the dealer who bought the milk was not above returning a churn or two as doubtful when his sales fell below standard. His annual visit to negotiate a contract was an occasion for special catering, and much talk ended in a bargain that was honoured according to his circumstances. To have a telegram stopping all supplies until further notice was not unusual. The veterinary surgeon in his spanking turnout, drawn by a fast-moving cob, called on Tuesdays. Somehow animals managed to wait for him, or possibly stockmen had their own simple remedies for many of the illnesses which today are considered to merit a vet's visit.

Looking farther back, in 1829 William Harley wrote a book on his town dairy methods

of getting new measures of a smaller size, the sides of the summer measures were beaten in to reduce their dimensions, thus adapting the quantity they should hold to a winter price."

Harley altered all that. He housed one hundred cows in a building which would pass muster today. Then it caused such a sensation that with an admission charge of one shilling he collected two hundred pounds a year. The cows were bought in full milk, averaging three gallons daily, and fattened for beef when the lactation was finished. All the cowmen mustered at 5 a.m. and with short intervals had a busy day until 8 p.m. Milking was done by women, at half men's wages, each looking after twelve to fifteen cows. They "curried and rubbed every part of the cows, from the forehead to the tail and heels. This was so gratifying to the cows that many of them would stop feeding while being curried."

Milk yields were recorded every Friday, and to prevent any cheating milkers changed their lots of cows weekly. In addition the stripping of each cow was done by a different milker, who received a bonus on quantity. Men distributed the milk, each carrying a couple of four gallon pitchers, securely locked to prevent adulteration. Evidently it was a seller's market, for each distributor was provided with a bell to warn customers, "and if any unreasonable detention occurred, the customer was given up. Punctuality, in short, was so strictly observed

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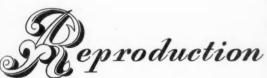
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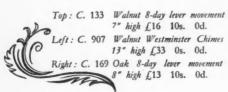




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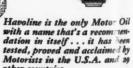
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and distribution? Sometimes I wonder if we are as far advanced as we appear to be on paper. Recently a new manager took over a dairy farm where everything was just so, including a model pasteurising plant. At every milking time there appeared a simple quart jug on the dairy step. The manager's young sons had been reared on the old-fashioned stuff, straight from the cow with all the risks attending it, and flatly refused to drink pasteurised milk.

Undoubtedly there is, and it

has been proved time and time again, a grave danger from milk-borne diseases, for milk is a firstclass medium for good or bad. Whether the horde of officials and reams of regulations are worth the money only time can tell.

Nowadays, to produce milk of any kind one needs a licence from the Ministry of Agriculture. The County Agricultural Committee makes an inspection, and woe betide the farmer whose cowshed fails to conform to the arbitrary measure-Surely results are the most

impo ant criterion, and they can best be gauged by la oratory tests of the milk. If a licence is granted, then regular monthly samples are taken to see that all goes well. For higher grades and the bonuses that make them attractive more forme must be filled up. Over 80 per cent. of the milk consumed in this country is now pasteurised



TUBERCULIN TEST: A VETERINARY SURGEON TESTING A COW FOR REACTION AFTER INOCULATION

a small quantity on the farm, but the greater part in central dairies. Gradually we are working to the target of two classes of milk—raw milk from attested herds to a high standard of cleanliness and heat-treated milk.

Recently there has been academic dis-cussion about the supposed decline in the

proportion of solids other than fat contained in milk. Some scientists suggest that this could be caused by breeding for quantity rather than quality, while others think that the increasing dependence on home-grown feeding-stuffs may be the cause. There is insufficient information available to reach a definite conclusion, although the long-term solution must be payment by results. Nowadays a farmer producing milk that will just pass the legal limit draws the same money as another whose milk analyses much above it. There is a rapid test for butter-fat but no quick method for solids-not-fat. The two bear some relation, so that it might be equitable if, instead of giving Channel Island and Devons a fourpenny bonus for high butter-fat, we were all paid on analysis, and the customers got a level quality, say 3.25 per cent., leaving the balance to be manufactured, as is done in Scandinavia. To-day there is not the Government emphasis on milk production that there

was a few years ago. Now the desire is for more red meat, yet it is to be hoped that the change in emphasis will not injure an industry which is so important. There is plenty of room for both milk and beef. Beef can well be a by-product of dairy farms without affecting milk output.

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STRANGE

OUNDER and dogfish, eel and full-sized obster, rat, bat and even the venomous -this oddly-assorted collection figured in an article entitled Strange Fly Takers, in a contemporary a decade and a half ago. With the exception of the rat, which was hooked in a paw, all of these creatures were "caught in the normal way; none were foul-hooked, which proves that they took the fly intentionally, not by accident." The lobster showed a surprising turn of speed when hooked; a mountain tarn in Kintyre yielded the viper; back-swinging of the line in preparation for a cast provoked the bat to snap at the tail fly and thus hook itself.

No doubt many anglers could add to this list of strange captures. Birds especially have been involved in more than a few curious incidents. But not all of the feathered takers have succumbed to fly; live and other baits, including spinners, have accounted for many birds, comprising a surprising number of species, and others have been foul-hooked.

Taking only examples reported round about the time that the aforementioned contribution appeared, I find that I have a most interesting and varied selection of records of strange captures. Beginning with birds taken on fly-fishing tackle, here are a few.

At Fordwich, on the Stour, in 1937, a sandmartin took an angler's fly "after reeling in."
The bird was freed, none the worse for its extraordinary experience. About the same time, at Enton, a swallow swooped down at a fly and hooked itself in a wing as a trout-fisher was making a false cast. Likewise, in the same season, a sportsman fishing a burn in Co. Donegal was reeling up at the bottom of a pool when a young sparrow-hawk, flying downstream, managed to get itself caught in one of the drop-pers. It proved to be firmly hooked in one pinion and eventually had to be netted. The fly was a Butcher!

How many anglers have "bagged" a dipper, or water-ousel? As a fisherman rose a trout a water-ousel dashed at the fly and took it. The report of the incident stated: "The angler missed the trout, but after a little difficulty caught and released the water-ousel.

The 1937 season was remarkable for a surprising crop of strange bags. A fly-fisher reported the foul-hooking of a bat on the Itchen, a live-baiter at Ellesmere (using one-inch fry, match rod and No. 12 hook) landed a crested grebe, and a cormorant took the perch with

which an angler and his companion were trying to tempt pike at Bala Lake. The grebe, which was only slightly hooked, was played, landed, and duly returned to the water (thus do good anglers live up to the highest demands of their exacting craft), but the Bala cormorant proved a tougher and much more formidable proposition, for the two cormorant-catchers were "frustrated time and again by the savage attacks made by the bird whenever it was brought within reach of the boat, the danger of lacerating their hands with the hooks further increasing their difficulties." At last, however, the bird was "bagged" with the aid of a cover taken from one of the cushions in the boat.

Several gulls succeeded in impaling them-

selves on anglers' hooks during the same year. Inter al. a, there were reports from Peter-borough (at least two separate incidents) and from Whitby, where one codling and one sea-gull furnished the total bag when twenty fishermen participated in a competition organised by the local sea-anglers' association.

Like swans, gulls can be a serious nuisance to the angler. I well remember that, while fishing for pike many years ago, I was surprised to see a black-head wheel quickly over my swim, hover momentarily, then dive like a hawk at my spoon—a large one which I was spinning just beneath the surface to avoid fouling weed. the nick of time I succeeded in jerking the lure away; but when the determined bird evinced the same interest in my next cast, I decided it was high time to move to another swim.

Though I have seen a snake turn an inquisitive eye towards my tackle, I have never been obliged to face the unenviable task of releasing one from my hook. This job, however, fell to the lot of a sportsman while he was fishing for pike in a West Country canal. From its description evidently a grass or ringed snake, the serpent was inadvertently hooked by the triangle, landed, unhooked and duly A strange capture indeed, the more so if the time of capture was during the recognised pike-fishing season, when most snakes might be expected to be hibernating, unmindful of frogs, fish and fishermen's hooks.

Rather less fortunate was a cygnet fairly hooked by a Thames angler using bread cubes. After being played for some minutes, it broke the 000 line and departed with a No. 14 hook and 5X trace. As for kingfishers, seeing that they have a passion for minnows one is not surprised

By PETER MICHAEL

to learn that both live minnow and cunning artificial have lured them. Several anglers have described their mixed feelings on seeing their tackle sail up into a tree in the wake of a kingfisher!

But surely we begin to enter the realm of the truly absurd when we read of grouse, of all birds, falling to a fisherman instead of a gun. This queer freak of fortune, according to a Scottish journal of 1936, attended the sport of Mr. A. A. C. Schultz, a member of the Iranian Legation in London, while he was fishing in Skye. His cast "hooked a grouse in its downward curve, and on a friend hastily producing a landing-net the grouse was landed in the same fashion as a salmon."

If you don't want some unfortunate small bird to impale itself on a sharp hook, do not leave baited hooks lying around where birds can get at them. That is the moral emerging from any number of regrettable incidentssome of them, alas, ending in death. A pet robin was in the habit of keeping a certain angler company at favourite swims, and would accept maggots and other delicacies from him. But one day another sportsman left his rod and line under the trees while he wandered upstream to return an unwanted fish, and on his return the red-breast was high up in the trees, and so were float and line. The bird had become impaled on the hook.

I have records, too, of a diver caught on a trimmer; a cub otter of about 7 lb. which took the 7-in. roach with which a Chelmsford angler was live-baiting; and of a fox which took a fancy to a Quebec angler's artificial fly and made off with it. But, it should be added, neither fly nor fox was in the water at the time, nor was the artificial being plied. The sportsman, on returning from a fishing trip, had left his rod, with leader and fly attached, resting against a railing outside his cabin. Reel-music brought him out again, to find, to his amazement, that the line was zig-zagging into the undergrowth.

Water-voles also have figured in the piscatorial bag, and not always by accident. More than one angler boasts of having tested the accuracy of his casting by dropping a line across the back of a swimming vole. But water-voles do not come willingly to the net, and perhaps more often than not escape this ignominious fate by biting through the gut of

the cast.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE MAP

By J. EASON GIBSON

F one consistently covers a large mileage in motoring about the country, it quickly becomes obvious that only a relatively small proportion of motorists have the knack of reading properly the maps with which they are provided. Bad as the general standard of sign-posting is in many parts of the country, it is probably good enough for those who do all their motoring on the main roads. It is when one is faced with cross-country trips that the trouble starts.

Apart entirely from the question of their being able to interpret the very full information given on a good map, it is surprising how few motorists seem to know quite simple things which can be of assistance in preventing them from becoming almost completely lost. If one remembers that during the day the sun

church, it matters little whether it is the first or the twenty-first turning on the right. This is, in fact, one of the great advantages of using a map as distinct from vague memory or description; a verbal instruction to take, for instance, the fifth turning to the left often ignores the fact that there are one or two exceedingly minor alleyways which intervene, and one can never be sure whether these have to be counted as well.

If one is consciously trying to learn how to use a map properly, the first thing to do is learn the symbols used to indicate landmarks and other prominent features. It is easy to forget that different symbols are used to indicate a church with a tower, a church with a steeple and one with neither, and that the symbols for a windmill and a windpump are

one's destination, to select the road which passes through the most interesting country and enables one to enjoy the best scener. Readers may recall the articles I have written on the subject of alternative routes which enable the busy main roads to be avoided There is little doubt that there are many other alternative routes to be found in various parts of the country which, while not of general interest, might be most useful to in lividual drivers. And the initial step in fineing an alternative route is to study the map. In the section of map reproduced with this article it will be seen that even on this small portion of while seem that country—covering little more than 27 square miles—there are alternative routes waiting to be used. If one is motoring northwards from Bucks Green to Cranleigh there seems a shorter, and perhaps more interesting, road than the main one by Alfold Crossways road than the main one by Airoid Crossways and Nanhurst. Within a mile from Bucks Green and just half a mile after passing an inn and taking the right hand road at a Y junction, there is a side turning, opposite the entry to Hornshill Farm, which leads direct to the centre of Cranleigh beside the station. Equally, it materials are more from Bucks Green if motoring once more from Bucks Green to Ewhurst by way of Rudgwick, most motorists would follow the obvious road which takes them round by way of Cranleigh, but if, threequarters of a mile beyond Ellen's Green, the sharp left turn of the main road is ignored and the road straight on taken, the distance will be reduced by almost half, and at the same time an awkward corner in Cranleigh will be avoided.

or

Another way in which the map can be used to discover the most pleasant routes is by study of the contour marks. For example, it is possible to find which of two alternative routes will offer the wider and more attractive views. It is not wasting time to study carefully the panel at the foot of good maps which describes the various symbols used. Many motorists anxious to make a telephone call (either on urgent business or perhaps to reserve meals or accommodation) will have noticed how often every telephone box one passes is occupied. All village post offices are marked clearly on the map, and the symbols used differentiate between those with limited resources and those with telephone and telegraph facilities. Further, there are many motorists who complain that week-end driving is impossible nowadays owing to the very heavy traffic to be found everywhere, but a little study of the map on Friday evening prove that there are still large areas of their country which they may never have seen and which are likely to be traffic-free.

The rough triangle formed by Chidding-fold, Petworth, Midhurst, Petersfield and Findhead contains enough interesting roads to keep most drivers occupied for more than one weekend. The same can be said of many within forty or fifty miles of London. reas many drivers know more than the two

roads which traverse the Chilterns?



ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP OF PART OF SURREY SHOWING HOW MAIN ROADS CAN BE AVOIDED WITH ADVANTAGE

will be somewhere to one's westward side, a little thought, bearing in mind the time of day, will help one to avoid the glaring mistake of turning in the completely wrong direction. It is also a help to remember that the cross-bars on telegraph poles are always on the side of the pole nearer to London: even on minor side roads, where there are telegraph poles, the cross-bars will be on the side facing the nearest main road for London. In wooded areas an indication is given by the fact that moss usually grows on the northern side of tree trunks, but this is perhaps a rather chancy way of orientating!

Even on such excellent maps as the Ordnance Survey 1 inch/1 mile, it is impossible to include every minor side turning in towns, but provided one understands the symbols used to represent prominent features, it is easy to find the correct one. For example, if the map shows clearly that in a certain town one's correct turning is to the right immediately after a

slightly different. As all these features can usually be seen for some distance, they can be a great help in keeping one on the correct road. One common habit which one should attempt to overcome if one is to make the most of one's map is holding it so that the edge farthest north is always farthest from one, regardless of the direction in which one is motoring. It is much better if the map is orientated so that one's eyes travel along it in the direction in which one is motoring; in other words, whether one is heading east, south, or west, the appropriate edge of the map should be farthest from one. Provided one does this there can be no possible mistake made as to whether one should turn left or right, as the map will show everything roughly as the eye sees it as one motors along the road.

Another advantage of being able to interpret the details given on a map is the ability it gives one, when there are alternative routes to

A SOURCE OF DANGER

During a recent journey I notice circumstance which could produce hor ble results. While following a heavy lorry loaded with bricks, I saw that wedged between its twin tyres was a half brick, picked up no doubt while it was manoeuvring in a brick-yard. not ashamed to admit that so long as I vas forced to stay behind the lorry I placed my elf so that, should the potential missile be charged suddenly, it would only shatter windscreen and not kill me as well. It would a wise precaution, I think, if, someone in s places as brick-yards, builders' stores and he like checked that loading lorries had picked up any possibly dangerous projectile on the wheels. Anyone who has seen an Army or civilian vehicle with tracked tyres churning the ground from beneath it on a steep hill will appreciate the speed and force of anything expelled by a fast-turning wheel.



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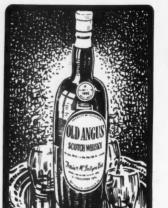
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OF RECKONING

HEN these lines appear, the women's event in the 1952 European championships will be nearing its usual nerveracking climax. Our men players in the open have a less exacting task.

Two countries have dropped out from the

original entry, but I assume that the policy of playing the open event in two sections remains unaffected. So long as they hold first or second place in their section of seven teams, the British men will be playing a 64-board semi-final against a team from the other section. If they win, the last stage is a 96-board final for the European title and the right to challenge U.S.A. for the championship of the world.

All tournament players know the solace straight match of 64 or more boards, with of a stadge match of the boards, with time to recover from early setbacks, as distinct from the hazards of short all-against-all matches. The team stands or falls by its own efforts: it does not have to rely on temporary for a chance of ultimate victory.

Now consider a possible panorama in this yea 3 women's event—played as before on the all-against-all principle, with two victory s (V.P.) awarded for a win and one for a poi Britain, let us suppose, are one V.P. up rance, their most dangerous rivals, as they their match against Finland in the on ltimate round.

France are drawn against Ireland, and Britain meet France in the last round, a prospect which our women view with misgivings; for some reason we have never beaten France since the women's championship was in-augurated in 1935. Britain appear to have an easy match against Finland, but two V.P. gained here will not help much on the morrow
—unless by chance the French come to grief against Ireland.

And why not? The more one thinks about it, the more the Irish appear to have an even money chance. Thus it comes about that Britain are a dozen match points up on Finland at half-time, only to be filled with gloom by the news that France are leading Ireland by a

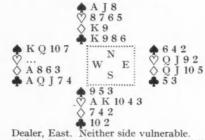
similar margin.
Under this psychological handicap the British may fritter away their lead and allow Finland to draw the match. This actually happened last year at Venice. And now, to their mortification, they learn that France have lost outright after an inspired Irish revival! In other words, but for the lapse in concentration against Finland, our women would have met France in the last round with a clear lead of three V.P., knowing they could afford to lose the match and still win the title. Worse still, a fresh complication has arisen: with Britain and France both dropping points, Denmark are now in the running—and all may depend on the last-round match between Denmark and Sweden!

The picture is not overdrawn. This was virtually the position when our team sat down to play France in the last round at Brighton in 1950. To hold the brilliant French team to a draw-just enough to give us our first win in the women's event—was a stout effort by the four ladies who represented Britain in this match; and one of our pairs, Mrs. Williams and

Mrs. Evans, played the game of their lives.

This pair of ours are well-nigh unique. They seem quite unaffected by the strain of these tournaments, by triumph or disaster. Not only do they strive for the best possible result on each hand, treating it as a separate entity, but they actually contrive to look merry and carefree in the process—no mean feat, as the reader will have gathered!

It was they who came to our rescue at Venice in the most fantastic finish ever known in the championships. They were brought in at half-time in the deciding match against Denmark, who had piled up the overwhelming lead of 24 match points. Our only hope was to reduce this to five, which counts as a draw. This was the last board to be played in the closed room, where Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Evans sat North and South:



Although the players were unaware of the position, a gain of one match point on this hand would reduce the deficit to the magic figure of five and save the match for Britain. The cards lie perversely for East-West, and the contract of Four Diamonds reached by our pair in the open room stood no chance against the taut Danish defence. It went two down for a loss of 100 points.

To gain the vital match point, our North-South pair had to score 120. Those in the know saw a fair chance of the Danish East-West pair ending in some doubled game contract; otherwise the only hope was for our pair to buy the contract in Hearts and then to make nine tricks.

But luck seemed against us. Over West's One Club East bid a horrible One No-Trump, which ruled out a cheap Heart overcall by South; and West's rebid of Two Spades was passed out.

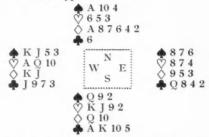
I have studied the records of the 20 hands played by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Evans with growing astonishment. They held uninspiring cards on which it was impossible to create swings. The cause was so forlorn that few pairs could desist from trying for miracles or fail to be caught napping by the eccentricities of the Danish East player.

The declarer was immediately embarrassed by the lead of the Eight of Hearts. Whichever way she turned, the defenders found the right counter. West was held to five tricks—150 to North-South, one match point to Britain. Had

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

West been allowed to make one more trick, the title would have gone to Denmark.

The other members of our team at Dublin -Lady Rhodes, Mrs. Markus, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Gordon-are all experienced campaigners, aggressive in bidding and resourceful in play. On the hand below, from the 1949 match against Norway, Mrs. Fleming rose to the occasion in typical fashion:



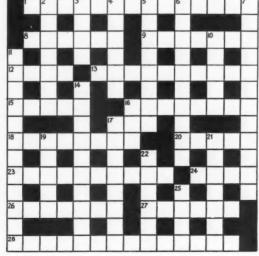
Dealer, South. Neither side vulnerable.

In Room 1, where our West player doubled South's opening One Club, Norway stopped in Two Diamonds, just made. At the other table South (Mrs. Fleming) opened One Heart. West made a cautious pass on her 15-point hand, although her honours were afterwards a source of embarrassment. North bid Two Diamonds, South Two No-Trumps and North Three No-Trumps. West led the Three of Clubs to the Queen and Ace. There was scope for two pretty Kingplays of the type described in recent articles but only one was recognised. At trick 2 South led the Queen of Diamonds, covered by the King which was allowed to hold. West tried to exit with the Knave of Diamonds and was again left on play. At long last she led a Spade—not the King, which defeats the contract, but the Three.

South won with the Nine, but all was not yet over—if she hurries to play off the Diamonds, there will be trouble with discards. So Mrs. Fleming applied the last turn of the thumb-screw by laying down the King of Hearts. There was no return by West that would defeat

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ACROSS.—1, Principality; 9, Centurion; 10, Nerva; 11, Recite; 12, Asterisk; 13, Yeovil; 15, Displace; 18, Fearsome; 19, Stayer; 21, Omission; 23, Pindus; 26, Mince; 27, Tolerated; 28, Enfranchised. DOWN.—1, Picardy; 2, Ionic; 3, Countries; 4, Pain; 5, Long suit; 6, Tinge; 7, Sparkle; 8, Ordinary; 14, Orations; 16, Patriarch; 17, Impostor; 18 Footmen; 20, Resided; 22, Stern; 24, Dates; 25, Glen.

ACROSS

1. How Wayland Smith went to it? (6, 3, 5)
8. A Great Dane, for example (3, 3)
9. Such progress is made step by step (7)
12. See 22 down (4)
13. Thin man got from this town (10)
15. Inside and outside (5)
16. The dramatist to put on to a place in Scotland (8)
17. "Who sipped no _____, and who craved no crumb"—W. S. Gilbert (3)
18. Guy in a supporting role (8)
20. A poet addressing the Auxiliary Territorial Service (5)
23. With some resentment, in the manner of one going off the deep end, perhaps (10)
24. Miss Woodhouse (4)
26. Mad glee (anagr.) (7)
27. Poet at last back at an historic inn (6)
28. Resort with a parade for cats (9, 5)

DOWN

Seaman concealing himself, a Cockney might suppose: not easy to shift (7)
 This rate would not be expensive whatever

3. This rate would not be expensive whatever the fashion (4)
4. One of the six in Britain now (6)
5. Draught, to ward off draughts (8)
6. Might be useful for spotting the winner (7, 3)
7. It might give an impression of a wise man in the garden (8, 4)
10. Someone to bring the lady to us (5)
11. Not the initial inspiration, it follows (12)
14. Moon-starer (anagr.) (10)
16. Taken by all actors and certain players (3)
17. Not what isolation seemed when we stood alone (8) Not what isolation seemed when we stalone (8)
Wot, not even for the solicitor? (2, 3)
Mild A.R.A. to undergo a sea-change (7)
"A daughter 12 across,
"So buxom, —, and debonair"

25. Wind instrument (4)

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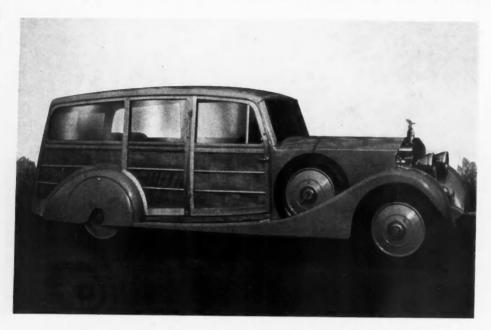
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BURTON AGNES ESTATE SALE

ONE of the latest estates to suffer U as a result of the soaring costs of maintenance and improvements is the main-mance and improvements is the Burton Agnes estate, near Driffield, in the Fast Riding of Yorkshire, part of which has been in the Wickham-Boyn on family for upwards of 450 years Last April Mr. M. W. Wickham-Boynton, in a letter to tenants infor ing them that the Haisthorpe and bearballene pertions of the prohornholme portions of the pro-would have to be sold, explained the decision had been brought that by the need to reduce outstand-nk loans on money spent on the since 1947. The sale was to have place by auction last Tuesday, take but to the portions were sold privately to the portions were sold privately to few days earlier, the Thornholme portion of 1,014 acres being acquired by tustee investors, whereas Haisthorre, which comprises five farms hut and a number of houses and cottages spre d over 710 acres, was sold as a separate unit to the tenants.

A PRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP

PLEASING feature of this sale was that it demonstrated the was that it demonstrated the friendly relationship that exists between the Burton Agnes Estates Co. and their tenants. In his letter of last April, Mr. Wickham-Boynton had assured tenants that although offers by genuine investors to purchase the portions as a whole might be considered before the auction, offers for sidered before the auction, offers for individual farms and cottages would not be entertained under any circum-stances. That the tenants of Hais-thorpe who, as already stated, clubbed together to buy their holdings, appreciated the consideration shown them is clear from the following extract from a letter written by their solicitors to Messrs. Bidwell and Sons, who negotiated the sales of the two por-tions of the estate on behalf of the company.
"Our clients," reads the letter,

"instruct us to express to Mr. Wick-ham-Boynton and yourselves their thanks for enabling them to become owners of their respective farms. They have all been tenants of Mr. Wickham-Boynton and his parents for many years, and there has always been a happy landlord and tenant relation-ship. They would have been quite content to have remained as tenants, but circumstances which they much regret having made that impossible, they prefer not to have a new land-lord, but to be their own."

LORD ST. AUDRIES'S ESTATE

A NOTHER well-known property that has been reduced in size as the result of a recent sale is Lord St. Audries's Fairfield estate, near Bridgwater, Somerset, 860 acres of which were submitted to auction the other day by Messrs. R. B. Taylor and Sons. day by Messrs. R. B. Taylor and Sons. The sale was made up of 31 lots, of which 30 were sold for a total of approximately £45,000. Peadon Farm, a holding of 178 acres which was offered with vacant possession, was bought by Lord Beaverbrook for £12,000, and a number of other farms were sold to the tenants at prices varying from £1,200 to £9,900.

A third sale involving outlying

A third sale involving outlying acres of a well-known property

that of Donkeywell Farm, which lies on the fringe of Lord St. Aldwyn's Williamstrip estate, near Fairford, Gloucestershire. The farm, a corn and stock holding of 286 acres, was sub-mitted to auction by Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff's Cirencester office and Messrs. Rylands and Co., and was knocked down for £17,000.

FORTHCOMING AUCTIONS

A NOTHER farm that was once part of a sizeable estate is the A Norther farm that was once the Home Farm at Sulhampstead, near Reading, Berkshire, which Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley are to auction towards the end of next month. This property was formerly the home farm of the 1,400-acre Sulhampstead estate which the same agents sold for Sir Norman F. Watson, Bt., in 1943. Since then it has been the property of Mr. W. Froom, who, in addition to running a flock of sheep on the land, has built up a herd of attested Guernseys. Part of the estate is intersected by the River Kennet and its tributaries which, in addition to watering approximately 100 acres, provide good trout fishing. The farm extends to 393 acres, and with the exception of one of the six cottages, it is offered with vacant possession.

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A second property due to be auctioned by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, on this occasion acting with Messrs. Weller, Son and Grinsted, is Burningfold Manor, a half-timbered house with a T.T. and attested farm of 175 acres near Dunsfold on the borders of Surrey and Sussex. Burningfold which belongs to Lieut-Col borders of Surrey and Sussex. Burn-ingfold, which belongs to Lieut.-Col. the Hon. D. C. F. Erskine, dates back to the 15th century and includes a secondary house, four cottages and good farm buildings.

LECK HALL SOLD

HE Leck Hall estate, which lies in THE Leck Hall estate, which lies in the Lune Valley on the borders of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Westmorland, has been sold privately by Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. The property extends to more than 1,800 acres and comprises a Geograin house. acres and comprises a Georgian house, 10 farms, a number of cottages, and a grouse moor of 1,000 acres. Nine of the farms are let to yield a yearly income of £1,536.

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Among a number of smaller properties that have changed hands recently are Woodcote Farm, of 184 acres, at Upham, Hampshire, which fetched £14,000 at an auction conducted by Messrs. James Harris and Son; Parsonage Farm, an attested holding of 178 acres with a 15th-century farmhouse at Steeple Bumpstead on the borders of Essex and Suffolk, which was sold privately by Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. and Messrs. Thimbleby and Shorland; Donhead, a Queen House with 121 acres near Shaftesbury, Dorset, sold by Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock; and Wootton Hall, a Georgian-style house with 37 acres situated on the fringe of the New Forest, six miles from Lymington, Hampshire, which Messrs. Fox and Sons have sold privately in advance of the auction Messrs. Fox and Sons have sold privately in advance of the auction scheduled for October 7.

A SALISBURY HOUSE FOR NATIONAL TRUST

OMPESSON HOUSE, one M several beautiful houses in the cathedral close at Salisbury, has been given to the National Trust by Mr.
Denis Martineau. The house was built in 1701 for Charles Mompesson, a merchant in the neighbourhood. It is built in the Wren style; indeed there is a tradition that Wren himself may have been the architect, for he was engaged on a survey of the cathedral at that time. Features of the house are its superb panelling and plasterwork.

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FARMING NOTES

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GOOD WORK ON

SEPTEMBER has given most farmers an exceptional opportunity to break the stubble ground in good time and make a rough tith for the quick germination and then destruction of annual these hear good to see so tion and then destruction of annual weeds. It has been good to see so much work of this kind going on. It is nature's way of keeping arable land clean and no one need have any qualm's about toxic after-effects. A full fe low in the heat of midsummer is, of course, a much more thorough affair and indeed the only sure way of and indeed the only sure way of rid of couch grass and docks these persistent weeds are shed in tillage ground. Even my of us have been able to do good in the last fortnight. The too have found the conditions vanted on the stubbles. New seems to have a wonderfully ating effect on the ovary, and the of February-hatched pullets ating effect on the ovary, and tch of February-hatched pullets g over wheat stubble are now fully 60 per cent. egg produc-have noticed some lambs feeding eighbour's stubble which he un-ved with trefoil and ryegrass in pring. They will do themselves be graving some good before the the pring. They will do themselves and he ground some good before the plou has goes in again. I like to see shee coming back. We have another milling of them in England and Wales this year and half a million extra in Scotland. Yet we have under 21 million sheep in the country, compared with 27 million before the war. There is room for further expansion here and sheep do not consume imported sheep do not consume imported feeding-stuffs.

A Ton of Barley

A CORN-GROWING friend of mine who also has an interest in a distillery has made a startling calculatillery has made a startling calculation about the money that goes with a ton of barley into spirit. The farmer may get £30-£35 for his ton of barley consigned to the distillery. There they reckon to get 108 proof gallons from the ton, and the home trade duty on these gallons comes to £1,139. Our barley is indeed, a representation of the second of th barley is indeed a money-spinner for the Chancellor of the Exchequer when the spirit is consumed in this country and the dollar-earner when it is sent to the United States or Canada. When the Chancellor also has had his cut on the barley grower's profit and the distiller's profit, we growers do indeed appear as benefactors. Unfortunately for us, most of the barley harvested in 1952 is going for compounding rations for pigs and poultry and the Chancellor does not get any sensational rake-off from them. Indeed, he has been profrom them. Indeed, he has been providing a subsidy on imported barley and other coarse grains to keep down the price of feeding-stuffs. But this, I am told, has been running at the modest rate of £10 a ton, so barley on balance must stand high in the estimation of the Treasury.

Harvest Hands

A^N easy run with corn harvest, with more combine harvesters at work to save hand-labour in stooking and pitching sheaves, did not give rise to any scarcity of hands at harvest. I have not heard of any serious trouble through lack of labour, although the total number of farm-workers is down by 8,000 this year. Now we come to potato lifting and weather that may not be so kindly. Sugar-beet harvest also lies ahead and growers will soon be worrying whether they can go the be worrying whether they can gather a strong enough gang to get the roots that of the ground while the going is good. Students and schoolboys are lack at their books by mid-October and pulling beet on a wet day is not a job that most women fancy. No oubt we shall manage somehow, s we have done before. Certainly we have the advantage this year that autumn work generally is well advanced.

Lucerne

MOST of the fields planted to lucerne are making a good showing now, and this can, indeed, be a highly productive crop from spring through to the autumn. One piece I know, sown in July, 1951, has this year yielded fully 2 tons of hay to the acres and has been close grand twice. acre and has been close grazed twice acre and has been close grazed twice by the dairy herd, giving the cows just the greenstuff they wanted when the pastures were dry. Now the lucerne is making strong growth again, but it will be left to die back as soon as the frost comes. Some of the ex-perts say that lucerne ought to be allowed to flower in its first year so, giving time for the root system to be-come strongly established. This hapcome strongly established. This hap-pened more by chance than design before the cows got round to their second grazing. So I hope that the lucerne will flourish for several years.

Less Fruit

THE acreage of strawberries has declined by 1,500 acres or 9 per cent. since last year. There have been falls also in the acreages of currants and raspberries, making the total reduction of 2,800 acres under small reduction of 2,800 acres under small fruit. I am not clear about the reasons for this. Prices in the shops have not been very low, but I suppose that the labour costs, particularly on picking, has made growers reduce their commitments. Possibly virus disease is one of the reasons why some straw-term bade have been extravold. The berry beds have been scrapped. The total acreage of vegetables remains much the same at 432,000 acres. There are more brussels sprouts, more carrots, more peas, but less cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce this year.

Cost of a Weaner Pig
CHIEFLY determining the cost of
a weaner at 8 weeks old are the number of pigs reared by the sow, the amount of meal fed to the sow and the cost of the meal. In the Cambridge the cost of the meal. In the Cambridge report, quoted above, 30 herds produced weaners at a cost of about £3 9s. last year. Six herds had costs below £3 and nine herds had costs above £4. This is an interesting figure. I have no means of comparing my costs with those calculated by the Cambridge comparing to that I am well. Cambridge economists, but I am well placed when I can sell weaners at £5 upwards. I remember selling one as upwards. I remember sening one litter of eight at £75s. each two years ago. That was exceptional. But it is satisfactory to know that £5 should leave a fair profit on the sale of small leave a fair profit on the sale of small pigs that are surplus to the capacity of the fattening shed. Few of us can keep detailed costs, and a round figure like this is useful to have in mind. Twenty years ago I was selling weaner pigs at £I each not by choice but that was the market level then. No doubt each one left the farm in debt although pig med cost a quarter. debt, although pig meal cost a quarter of the present price. £5 for a weaner sounds a lot, but if all the sow's food has to be bought the profit may be little enough.

Conditions of Sale
In Farming Notes of September 5 reference was made to rules sponsored by The Chartered auctioneers and Estate Agents' Institute for use at markets everywhere as conditions of sale for dairy and store cattle. In drawing up these rules the Institute had the assistance of the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers and Landed Property Agents, the National Farmers' Union and the British Veterinary Association, who join with it in recommending them for general use.

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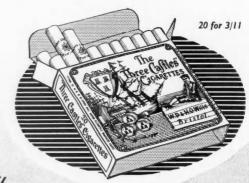
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NEW BOOKS

A TALE OF THE SEA

Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

THERE has been some unusually good fiction published lately, and now here are Mr. Ernest Hemingway and Mr. William Plomer adding to the riches. I cannot say that Mr. Hemingway's The Old Man and the Sea (Cape, 7s. 6d.) is the best thing he has written, for I have not read all his books, but of what I have read this is the best. It will have a place, I think, among the world's great short stories. It is about an old fisherman of Havana who had been so dogged by bad luck that no one fished with him: he worked alone. Poverty-stricken, weary, not very

to the fish. "You are killing me, fish, but you have a right to. Never have I seen a greater, or more beautiful, or a calmer or more noble thing than you, brother. Come on and kill me. I do not care who kills who." He would think of the moment when he drove the harpoon and "felt the iron go in and he leaned on it and drove it further and then pushed all his weight after it. Then the fish came alive with his death in him, and rose high out of the water showing all his great length and width and all his power and his beauty. He seemed to hang in the air above the old man in the skiff.

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THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA. By Ernest Hemingway (Cape, 7s. 6d.)

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hopeful, he set off once more, rowing his boat far out to sea. Some of the young fishermen had motor-boats, but such luxury was not for him. He hooked a great fish. It was "the biggest fish that he had ever seen and bigger than he had ever heard of." It was two feet longer than the skiff. "The surface of the ocean bulged ahead of the boat and the fish came out. He came out unendingly and the water poured from his sides. He was bright in the sun and his head and back were dark purple and in the sun the stripes on his sides showed wide and a light lavender. His sword was as long as a baseball bat and tapered like a rapier and he rose his full length from the water and then re-entered it, smoothly, like a diver and the old man saw the great scythe-blade of his tail go under.

THE OLD MAN AND THE POWERFUL FISH

There they were, linked together by a piece of line: the old weak man and the powerful fish. "His choice," the old man ruminated, "had been to stay in the deep dark water far out beyond all snares and traps and treacheries. My choice was to go there to find him beyond all people. Beyond all people in the world. Now we are joined together and have been since noon. And no one to help either one of us." And: "Fish,' he said, 'I love you and respect you very much. But I will kill you dead before this day is out.

It was not so easy as that. He fought the fish by day and night and by day again and killed him in the end; and the detail of the terrible encounter, of the man's victory, and of how the sea sent its other denizens to take the victory from him after all, must be left to Mr. Hemingway. For it was only the gaunt and ravaged skeleton of the fish that the old man towed in at last. All the old man would have out of the fabulous encounter was one more memory to lie alongside those that had filled his mind out on the sea when he fought the fish and the fish fought him. He would often think of what he had said

Then he fell into the water with a crash that sent spray over the old man and over all of the skiff."

SYMBOLIC MEANING

The beautiful writing matches theme all the way through Why, one asks, is the story so deeply moving and satisfying, for, after all, it is only the story of an old man catching a fish? And the answer is that Mr. Hemingway has lifted the whole thing up into symbolism. Man must fight, man must kill. And that becomes tolerable only when he calls the adversary "brother" and has the nobility to say: "Come on and kill me. I do not care who kills who." There is so much fighting, so much killing, to-day, Propaganda takes care that the enemy is not "brother," and science takes care that we kill from a distance. We need not know whom we kill or how we kill or where we kill. This is bad for us down to our very heart's core; and that is why this story of killing hand to hand and face to face is a clean and noble thing.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING TOBY

Mr. Plomer's book Museum Pieces (Cape, 12s. 6d.) is the tale of Toby d'Arfey and his mother, Susannah Mountfaucon. The time is between the wars and during the last war. Toby, in the course of the book, tries to turn his talents to this purpose and that: to paint, to design Disney-ish things for the films, to write a play, a novel, to design women's fripperies. When he laments that he does not succeed in any of these things, the young woman who tells the story says: "If I may say so, it's already a unique success just to be you." And Mr. Plomer's unique success is to make us agree that this is so-that a man like Toby d'Arfey had something to contribute to the community merely by being what he was: a witty, cultivated, percipient human being. Unfortunately, the world more and more demands not merely the ingredients but their cooking and serving up in a cake that everyone wants to eat. In a word, it has not much use

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a man who is not a success in a pular and perceptible fashion.

Toby himself felt this. He would ave liked a sense of belonging to a mmunity, but he was not prepared make concessions. When his other once said that all the stunts nd gadgets of contemporary life "may every convenient," he answered: And since when was convenience a cirtue? I prefer style."

Style, panache, were the essence Toby, and the book is a picture of hat sort of man adrift in a world here the very meaning of such words as been forgotten. We know him s been forgotten. irst in wealth, then, through the de faulting of a trustee, in poverty. He remains a stylist all the time—even on is deathbed. It is a subtle portrait, and it is set against a background of portraits hardly less clearly thought it rather long-drawnout towards the end. The half-bred who was the last of Toby's sees bored me. Toby, no doubt, home with her, but Mr. Plomer He is at his best when giving us wimming iridescence of a bubwhich, the narrator says, was face of Toby's life, and when ting on what winds, what varyssures from within and without. bubble may be supported. It a novel far above the average.

UALOR IN A FRENCH VILLAGE

orothy Mackinder's novel The Lemaire (Macdonald. (d.) has all her readability and is for the evocation of the French village in which it is set: a mis rable back-o'-beyond village on the edge of a marsh, where life is harsh and almost brutish. She makes us see very clearly the sort of people these were and the sort of community they combined to create. But I could not take very seriously the theme of the drama she imposes on them. A sly village child pretends to have had a vision of the Virgin, and her mother, always with an eye to the main chance, does her best to get what kudos she can from her "saintly" child. So far, credible enough. But what of Bernard Roget? He had had experience in the wider world. He had made money and was always willing to make more He was a hard driver and a miser, but no fool. We are asked to believe that he threw himself into a scheme to capitalise Jeanne's "visions," to build the village up into another Lourdes from which cash would flow. The story is of the conflict between him and the village curé who had Jeanne's "visions" accurately weighed up for the playacting they were. It is not easy to believe that a tough like Roget would have entered such a hopeless fight. Even if he had begun, his difficulties with the parish priest would have warned him of the battle that would have to be waged with the formidable powers of Rome, who do not easily persuade themselves that miracles have happened. And so we are uneasily aware of a paper battle; but this, I repeat, does not lessen the of Miss Mackinder's picture of squalid village life.

MAUGHAM ON KIPLING

Mr. Somerset Maugham has selected A Choice of Kipling's Prose (Macmillan, 15s.) and contributed an ntroductory essay. His opinion of Kipling is expressed in the last lines : Rudyard Kipling is the only writer short stories our country has proced who can stand comparison with Cay de Maupassant and Chekhov. He

is our greatest story writer. I can't believe he will ever be equalled. I am sure he can never be excelled." He thinks that Kim is Kipling's masterpiece, a judgment not likely to be challenged, and that his best story is Without Benefit of Clergy. All the best stories, in his opinion, had been written by the time Kipling was 35.

AN AUTHOR'S IDEAS

The denigration of Kipling was a passing phase-happily, now, a past phase; and few, I imagine, will want to quarrel with Mr. Maugham's de-fence of his general excellence. So we can leave all that, and read the introductory essay for its light on Mr. Maugham's own writer's mind. There is phrase after phrase worth remem-bering. "The author gets his ideas from somewhere, they don't spring out of his head like Pallas-Athene from the head of her sire in perfect panoply, ready to be written down. But it is curious how small a hint, how vague a suggestion will be enough." "When an author is living in the scene of his story, perhaps among the people who have suggested the characters of his invention, he may well find himself bewildered by the mass of his impressions. . . . Absence will erase from his memory redundant details and inessential facts." "I don't believe any writer is a good judge of the writing of his contemporaries, for he naturally likes best the sort of thing he does himself." Kipling "was a very talented man, but not a profound thinker—indeed I cannot think of any great novelist who was." "It was objected to Kipling that he put too much of himself into his stories. But when you come down to brass tacks, what else has an author to give you but himself?" "If the painter is permitted certain distortions to achieve the effect he is aiming at, there is no reason why the writer of fiction should not accord himself the same freedom. Probability is not something settled once for all; it is what you can get your readers to accept as such."

It is a good essay; and, as for the

book, it is handsomely put together.

LIFE IN LAKES AND RIVERS

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NGLERS and others whose way A NGLERS and others wnose way lies beside lakes and rivers will welcome The Freshwater Life of the British Isles, by John Clegg (Warne, 21s.), for it meets admirably the longstanding need for a handy and com-prehensive book on the large number of aquatic plants and animals embraced by the unexciting title "pond life." After starting with plants Me Clegg works up systematically through the flatworms and the true worms the crustaceans, the insects and their allies, and the molluscs to the vertebrates, giving a brief description and an account of the life history of the various species. The chemical and physical factors affecting life in ponds and streams are dealt with in an introductory chapter, and the systematic section is followed by some account of the way in which freshwater biology is serving human needs. The book is illustrated with nearly 70 photographs

illustrated with nearly to photograpus and some 100 drawings.

In Vivarium Life: A Manual on Amphibians, Reptiles and Cold-water Fish (Cleaver-Hume Press, 15s.) Alfred Fish (Cleaver-Hume Press, 15s.) Alfred Leutscher gives brief details of the appearance, distribution and habits of a large number of the creatures commonly kept in vivaria and aquaria, and of some of the better-known aquatic insects, molluscs and crustacea. Each species is illustrated by a drawing by Humphrey Dakeyne.

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This plaid frock in a fine woollen, a mixture of deep blues and greens, has a crystal-pleated skirt and a simple shirt top with flaring stiffened cuffs. Dorville

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THIS is the hey-day of the inexpensive frock or two-piece of jumper and skirt. A number of wholesalers in this country have developed to such perfection the styling and production of smart, eminently wearable everyday frocks that they are now bought off the peg by everyone. Many of the designs are brought over from Paris as linen toiles and then either copied exactly or adapted, so that the clothes are in the general swim of international fashion. During recent years the Paris couturiers have simplified the basic construction of their clothes to make it more suitable for machinery, mainly with an eye to American mass production, but we have benefited with them. In this country there are also the model workrooms, where a great deal of hand finishing is done, so that there is more individuality in our ranges than in America. Again, many London designers produce their own collections of off-the-peg clothes as well as their own interpretations of Paris styles, so there is no lack of variety within a modest range of prices.

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One of the gaps in production has hitherto been in the sizing, as unless a woman was of fairly regular measurements choice was very restricted, and both the large and the *petite* often found it impossible to find what they wanted. This state of affairs is being remedied, and the women of five foot two and under, the tall women, the short-waisted women and those of ample girth are receiving a great deal more specialised attention than before. I put in a plea for a little more gaiety among the

attention than before. I put in a plea for a little more gaiety among the clothes designed for the larger women, who do not want to be condemned for ever to black or navy and often look well in one of the new "dimmed" colours. The two-piece that looks a one-piece dress but which has that valuable lee-way at the waist is a style that is often easier to fit than a one-piece frock for a person with difficult measurements and is rapidly becoming very popular. This idea, underlying these "separates," is exceedingly practical

Subtle muted shades have been added to the ordinary greys and browns. There is the gold mixed with silvery grey that Horrockses are showing. The dim darkish blue that many houses are featuring is a shade that suits all ages. This is the blue



that the Queen chose for her going-away outfit and it is one that looks very well with fur, either grey or brown. Wolsey have added several of these subdued blues to their classic navy blues and powder blues, mostly for two-pieces with tiny pleats massed in panels on the dress and straight hip-length jackets that match. In the Horrockses corduroy collection the muted golden-grey shades appear for dresses which have their corded rib worked horizontally and a triangular gore in front outlined by a deep pleat. Armholes are deep and the kimono sleeve is used so that the rib carries straight on over the bodice. The deep jade greens that are popular prove a good foil for grey hair as well as dark or auburn, and appear in this range, and some lively golden yellows are included for young people.

There is plenty of variation among the tailored rocks. They are nearly all straight, as the material is usually firm of texture; some show a slanting fastening buttoning right across the bodice and continuing as an oblique seam on the skirt, and some have a collar-less bodice that crosses over well to one side and is then

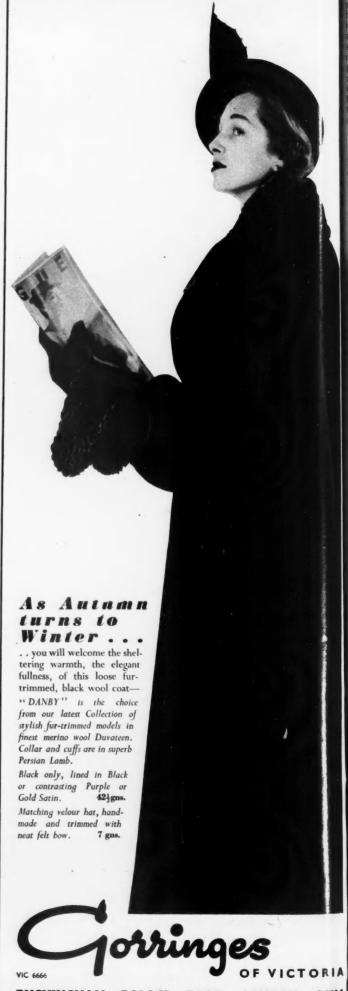


A two-piece in thick wool jersey. The pale pink jacket, gathered at the waist, can also be worn tucked inside the skirt, when it looks like a battle-dress blouse. The navy skirt is box-pleated back and front. Wolsey



The low-heeled shoe in a smooth calf on the left has a very low-cut front, which is flattering to a broad foot. The turnback flap is caught at one side with a bar, and the heel is curved. Brevitt





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light heml worn strip uttoned straight down to the hem. Others fasten down the back, and hese have high collars or mandarin neckbands attached to the sweater ops and deep batwing sleeves. The sloping shoulder, with sloping raglan leeve seam, comes in all types of fabric, but many of the sleeves are still et in, with a more classical cut altogether. Vests of white or a cravat of oloured velvet fill in the V of roll collars that fasten low down. When leats are used they tend to be very small indeed, and if they do not nake the skirt they will be placed in four fans let in at intervals round the skirt or grouped in panels. The entire back of a straight dress will be mife-pleated or merely the back of the bodice below a deep yoke. On the straight skirt the detail or decoration is placed across the hips as lanting set-in pockets or flapped ones on a horizontal line.

NEW fabric often seen on afternoon dresses is a corded dull-surfaced rayon that achieves the fashionable mottled look and is fairly stiff. It is particularly smart in a silver grey and black combination, and one dress in particular, with a widish skirt and folds massed at the bombined with a completely plain top with mandarin neckline, is everywhere. The same shape is shown in velveteen in jewel colours or black.

On wool jersey frocks the high polo neckline has become popular, as t see. Is to combine effectively with the deep armhole that is the highlight for the winter. The waist is nipped, and generally there is a wide
learning to sometimes the skirt is kilted into a flat hip yoke. Sweaters
worn with pleated skirts and short, straight cardigan jackets in a pintripe jersey matching up to one shade are chic, and this is certainly a
learning to serve the skirts and short in many different ways. There are the
late wool skirts cut in gores that can be teamed with a plain dark
we get in wool jersey with high neck and batwing sleeves, or a plain
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There are numerous variations of the slender tailored dress in a wool, usually in mixed browns. Always the waist is darted and belted without any exaggeration and the deep armhole is indicated with restraint. Some



(Above) A tailored frock in checked woollen suiting in the popular brown and beige combination—a good design for the older woman. The pockets inset with deep flaps break the line of the straight skirt in a becoming way. The youthful woollen frock on the left, with wide accordion-pleated skirt, is in grey with dark and lime green stripes on the skirt and sleeves. Debenham and Freebody

of the fine tweeds have a plain raglan sleeve sloping away either side and set on to the bodice with channel seams. Lightweight suitings take the orthodox set-in sleeve cut a little deeper than usual and generally three-quarter length. The tubular tweed dress with a neckline cut out to a circle and then filled in with hand-knitting is a novelty of the autumn, adapted from the Balenciaga Donegal suit. Dresses in a chiffon wool with winged collars can fold back or across, high or low.

Debenham and Freebody have opened a new salon to cater for the young woman of twenty odd. Prices range from five to twelve pounds, and a smart young woman can choose coats, suits or dresses for day as well as evening, all in one place. Among the first series of clothes, a youthful-looking plaid wool dress has batwing three-quarter sleeves and crown-sized buttons placed below the waist on the side seams, either side of the gored skirt. It is a gay little affair. Cocktail dresses in pastel brocade show low V necklines and either minute cap sleeves formed entirely of deep tucks or three-quarter sleeves that push up into folds. The attractive bouffant skirts are gored, then pleated into the neat waists

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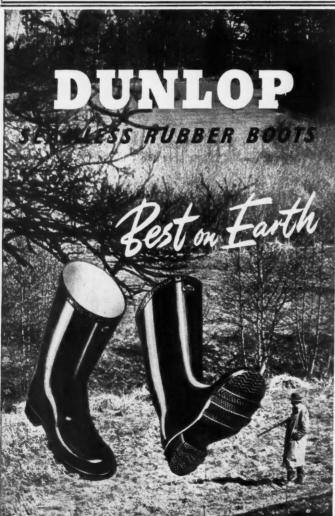
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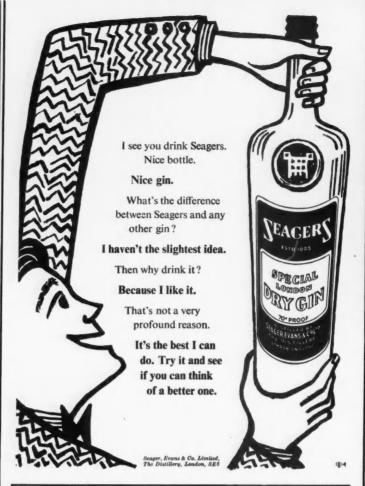


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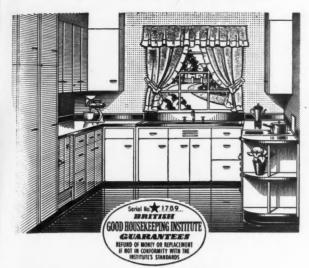
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